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A Makeup-Induced Transformation?

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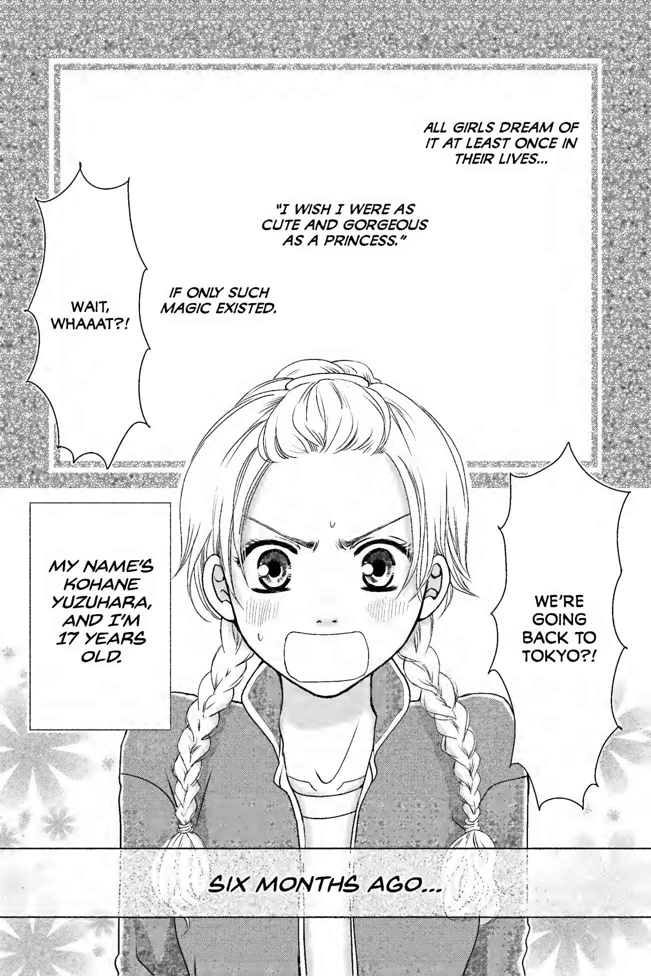
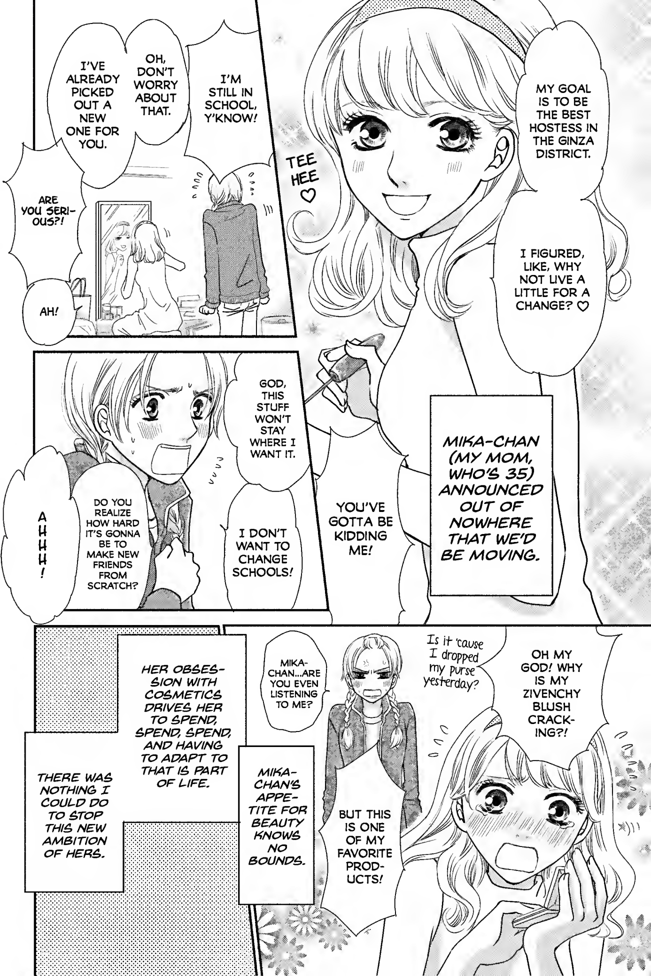
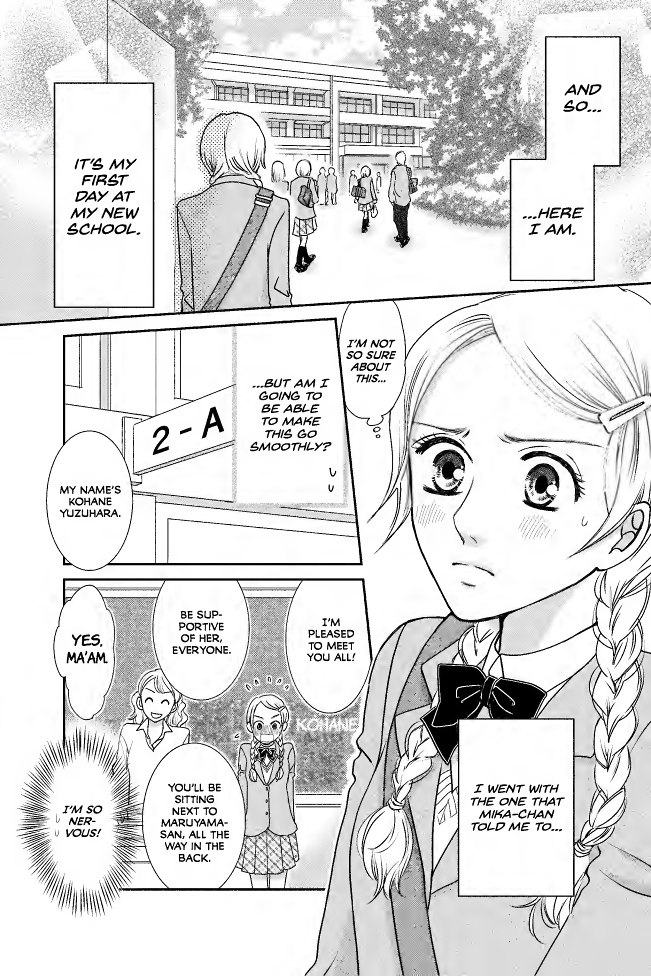
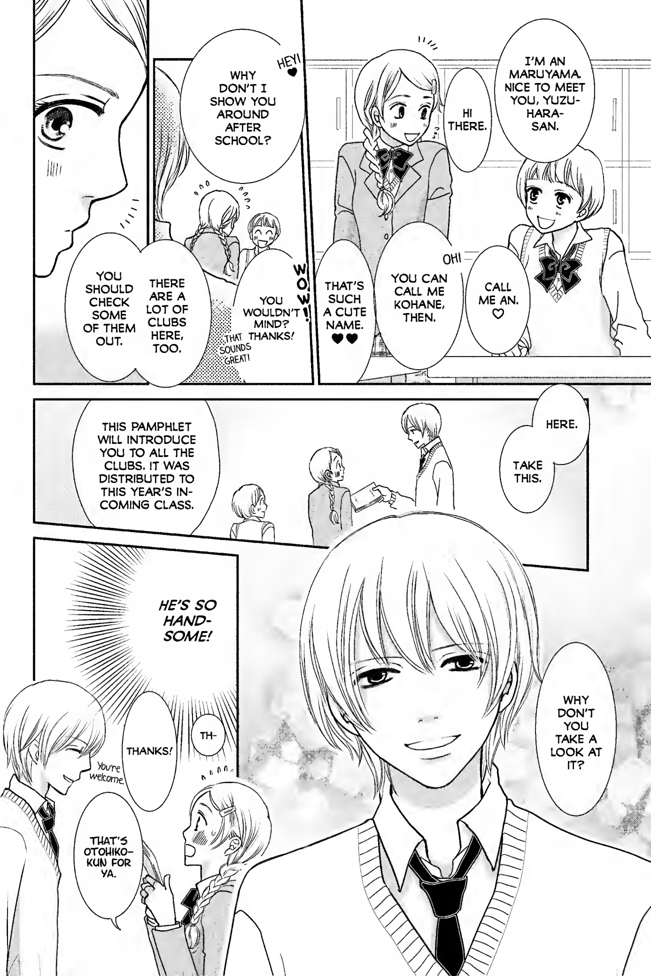
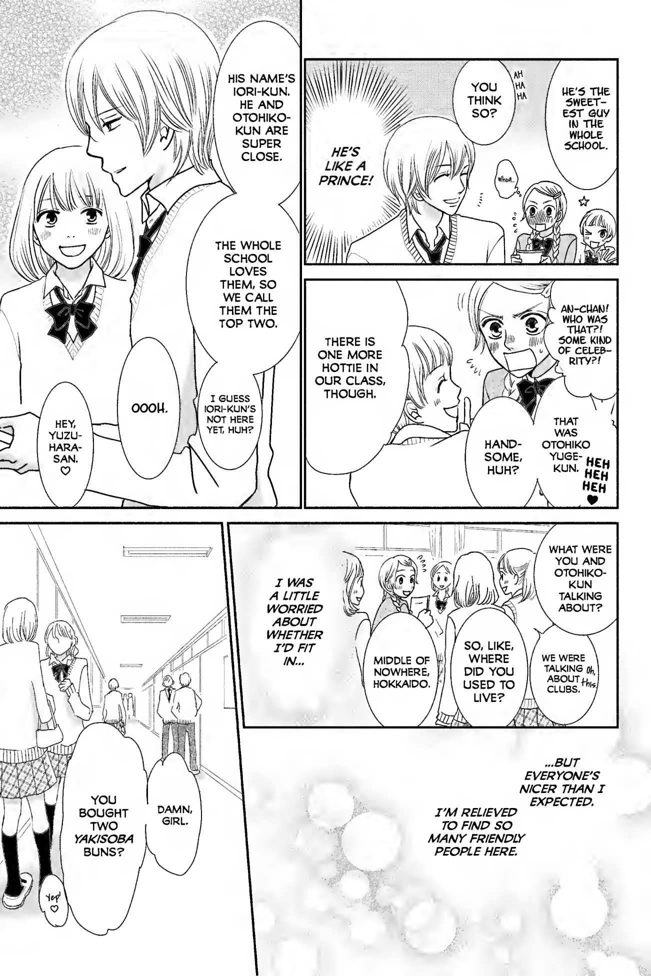
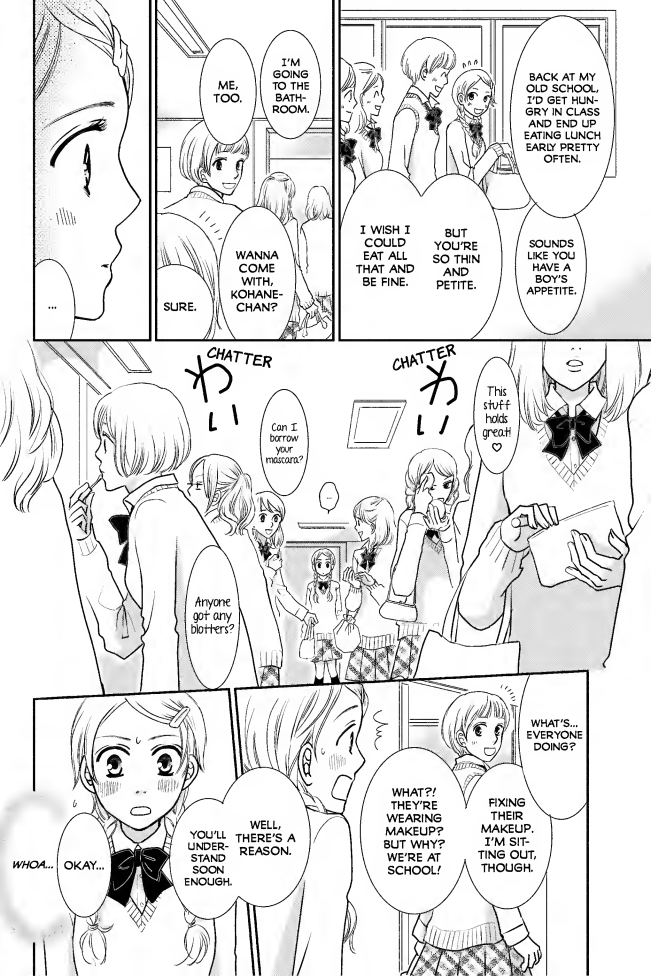

ALL GIRLS DREAM OF IT AT LEAST ONCE IN THEIR LIVES...
"I WISH I WERE AS CUTE AND GORGEOUS AS A PRINCESS."
IF ONLY SUCH MAGIC EXISTED.
WAIT, WHAAAT?!
WE'RE GOING BACK TO TOKYO?!
MY NAME'S KOHANE YUZUHARA, AND I'M 17 YEARS OLD.
SIX MONTHS AGO...

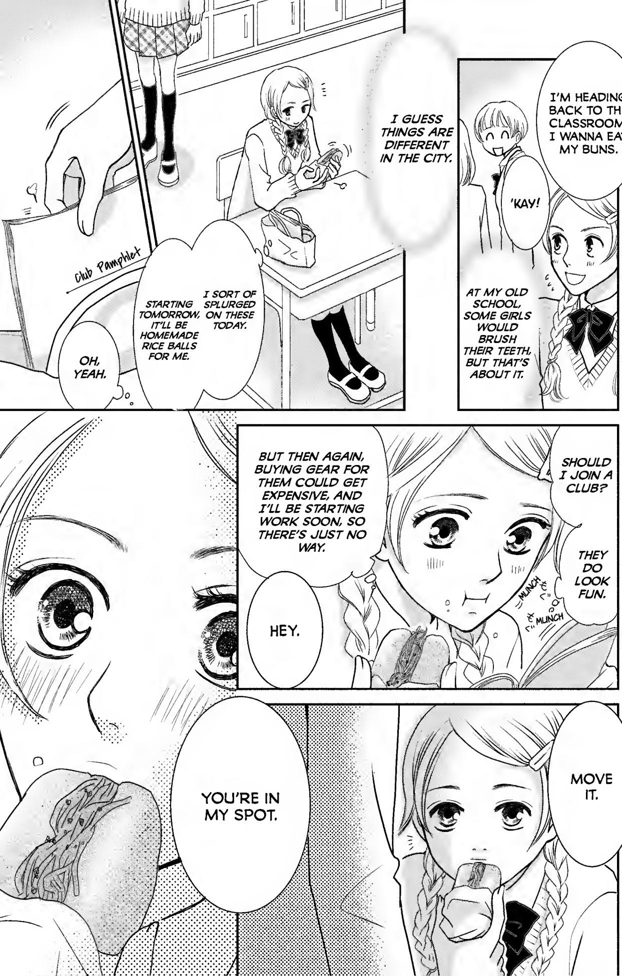

MY GOAL IS TO BE THE BEST HOSTESS IN THE GINZA DISTRICT.
TEE HEE ♡
I FIGURED, LIKE, WHY NOT LIVE A LITTLE FOR A CHANGE? ♡
I'M STILL IN SCHOOL, Y'KNOW!
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
I'VE ALREADY PICKED OUT A NEW ONE FOR YOU.
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
AH!
MIKA-CHAN (MY MOM, WHO'S 35) ANNOUNCED OUT OF NOWHERE THAT WE'D BE MOVING.
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!
GOD, THIS STUFF WON'T STAY WHERE I WANT IT.
I DON'T WANT TO CHANGE SCHOOLS!
DO YOU REALIZE HOW HARD IT'S GONNA BE TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS FROM SCRATCH?
AHHH!
OH MY GOD! WHY IS MY ZIVENCHY BLUSH CRACKING?!
Is it 'cause I dropped my purse yesterday?
BUT THIS IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE PRODUCTS!
MIKA-CHAN...ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?
MIKA-CHAN'S APPETITE FOR BEAUTY KNOWS NO BOUNDS.
HER OBSESSION WITH COSMETICS DRIVES HER TO SPEND, SPEND, SPEND, AND HAVING TO ADAPT TO THAT IS PART OF LIFE.
THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO TO STOP THIS NEW AMBITION OF HERS.

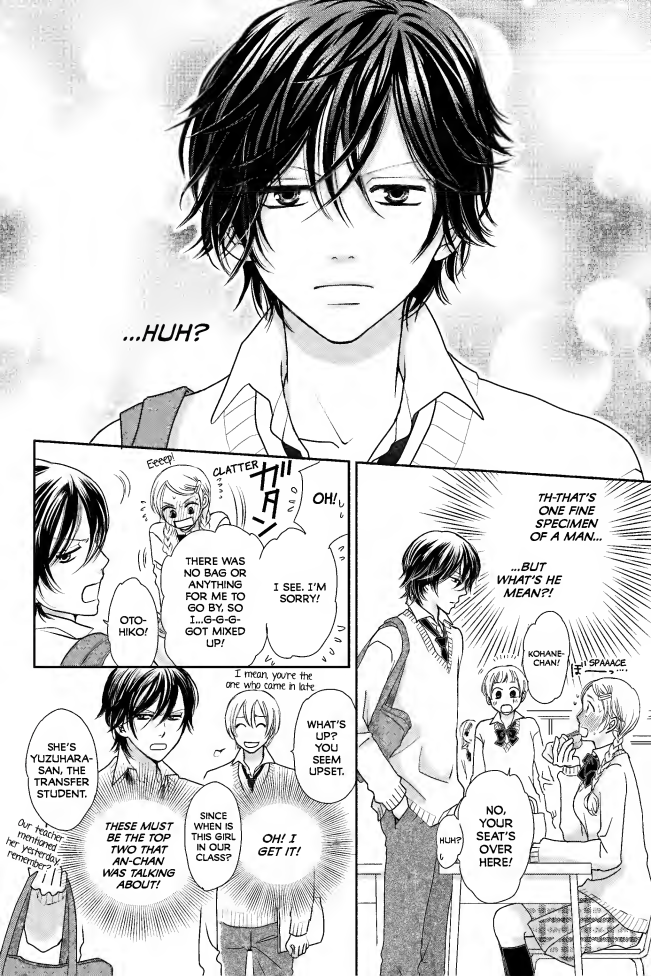

AND SO...
...HERE I AM.
IT'S MY FIRST DAY AT MY NEW SCHOOL.
I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THIS...
...BUT AM I GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THIS GO SMOOTHLY?
2 - A
MY NAME'S KOHANE YUZUHARA.
I WENT WITH THE ONE THAT MIKA-CHAN TOLD ME TO...
I'M PLEASED TO MEET YOU ALL!
BE SUPPORTIVE OF HER, EVERYONE.
YES, MA'AM.
KOHANE
YOU'LL BE SITTING NEXT TO MARUYAMA-SAN, ALL THE WAY IN THE BACK.
I'M SO NERVOUS!

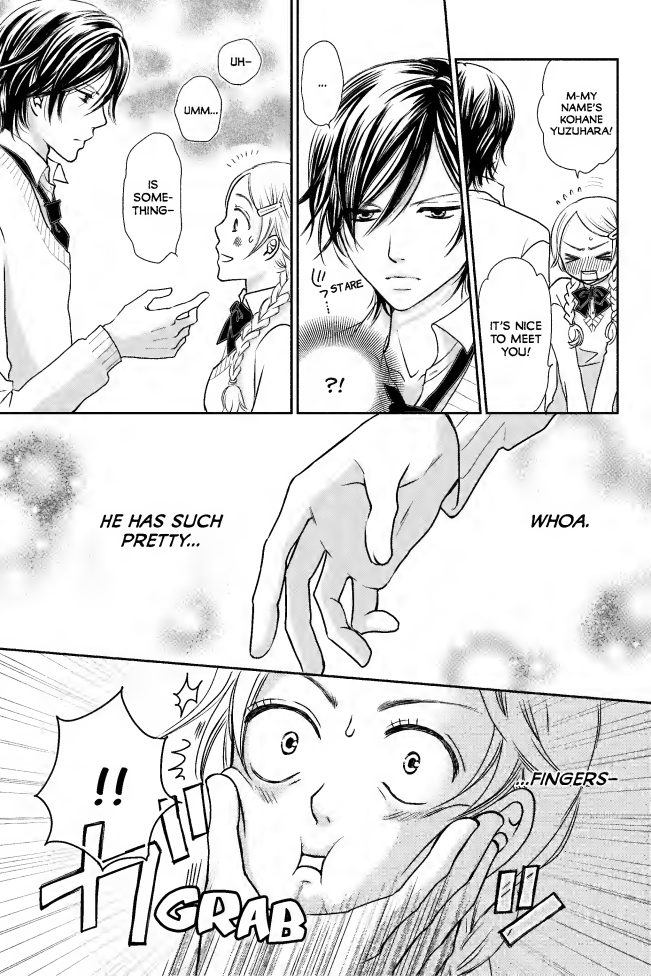

I'M AN MARUYAMA. NICE TO MEET YOU, YUZUHARA-SAN.
HI THERE.
CALL ME AN. ♡
OH!
YOU CAN CALL ME KOHANE, THEN.
THAT'S SUCH A CUTE NAME. ♥♥
HEY! ♥
WHY DON'T I SHOW YOU AROUND AFTER SCHOOL?
WOW!
YOU WOULDN'T MIND? THANKS!
THAT SOUNDS GREAT!
THERE ARE A LOT OF CLUBS HERE, TOO.
YOU SHOULD CHECK SOME OF THEM OUT.
HERE.
TAKE THIS.
THIS PAMPHLET WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO ALL THE CLUBS. IT WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THIS YEAR'S INCOMING CLASS.
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A LOOK AT IT?
HE'S SO HANDSOME!
TH-
THANKS!
You're welcome.
THAT'S OTOHIKO-KUN FOR YA.

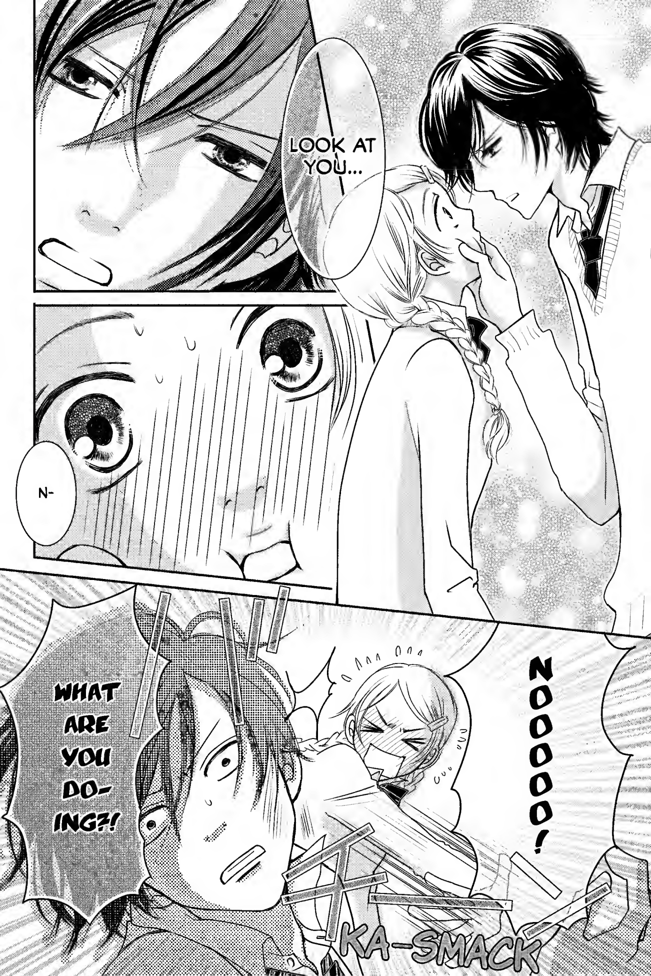

HE'S THE SWEETEST GUY IN THE WHOLE SCHOOL.
AH HA HA
YOU THINK SO?
HE'S LIKE A PRINCE!
Whoa...
AN-CHAN! WHO WAS THAT?! SOME KIND OF CELEBRITY?!
THAT WAS OTOHIKO YUGE-KUN.
HEH HEH HEH ♥
HANDSOME, HUH?
THERE IS ONE MORE HOTTIE IN OUR CLASS, THOUGH.
HIS NAME'S IORI-KUN. HE AND OTOHIKO-KUN ARE SUPER CLOSE.
THE WHOLE SCHOOL LOVES THEM, SO WE CALL THEM THE TOP TWO.
I GUESS IORI-KUN'S NOT HERE YET, HUH?
OOOH.
HEY, YUZUHARA-SAN. ♡
WHAT WERE YOU AND OTOHIKO-KUN TALKING ABOUT?
WE WERE TALKING ABOUT CLUBS.
Oh, this.
SO, LIKE, WHERE DID YOU USED TO LIVE?
MIDDLE OF NOWHERE, HOKKAIDO.
I WAS A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT WHETHER I'D FIT IN...
DAMN, GIRL.
YOU BOUGHT TWO YAKISOBA BUNS?
Yep! ♡
...BUT EVERYONE'S NICER THAN I EXPECTED.
I'M RELIEVED TO FIND SO MANY FRIENDLY PEOPLE HERE.

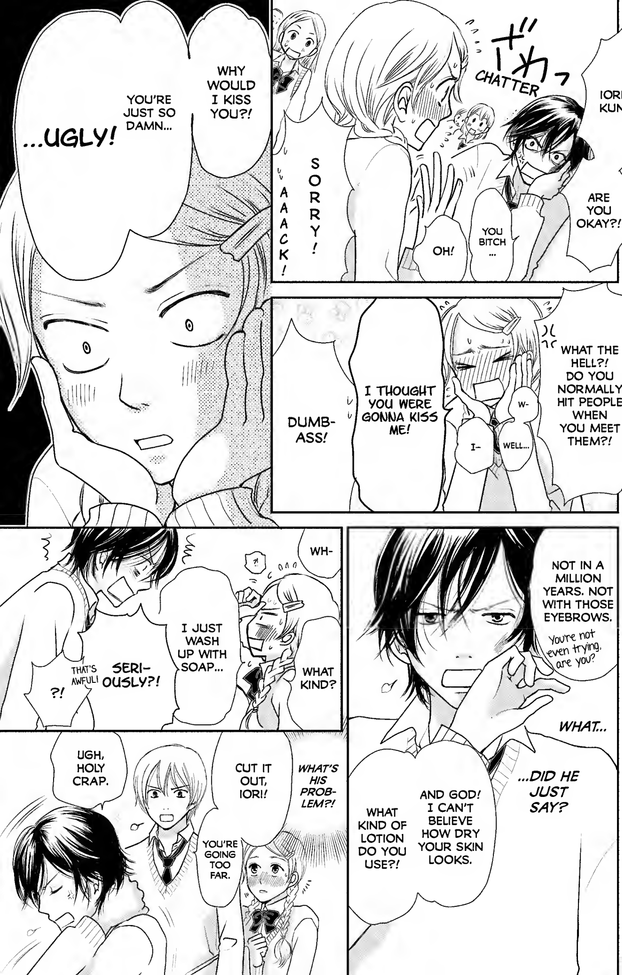

BACK AT MY OLD SCHOOL, I'D GET HUNGRY IN CLASS AND END UP EATING LUNCH EARLY PRETTY OFTEN.
SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAVE A BOY'S APPETITE.
BUT YOU'RE SO THIN AND PETITE.
I WISH I COULD EAT ALL THAT AND BE FINE.
I'M GOING TO THE BATHROOM.
ME, TOO.
WANNA COME WITH, KOHANE-CHAN?
SURE.
...
CHATTER
This stuff holds great! ♡
Can I borrow your mascara?
CHATTER
...
Anyone got any blotters?
WHAT'S... EVERYONE DOING?
FIXING THEIR MAKEUP. I'M SITTING OUT, THOUGH.
WHAT?! THEY'RE WEARING MAKEUP? BUT WHY? WE'RE AT SCHOOL!
WELL, THERE'S A REASON.
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND SOON ENOUGH.
OKAY...
WHOA...

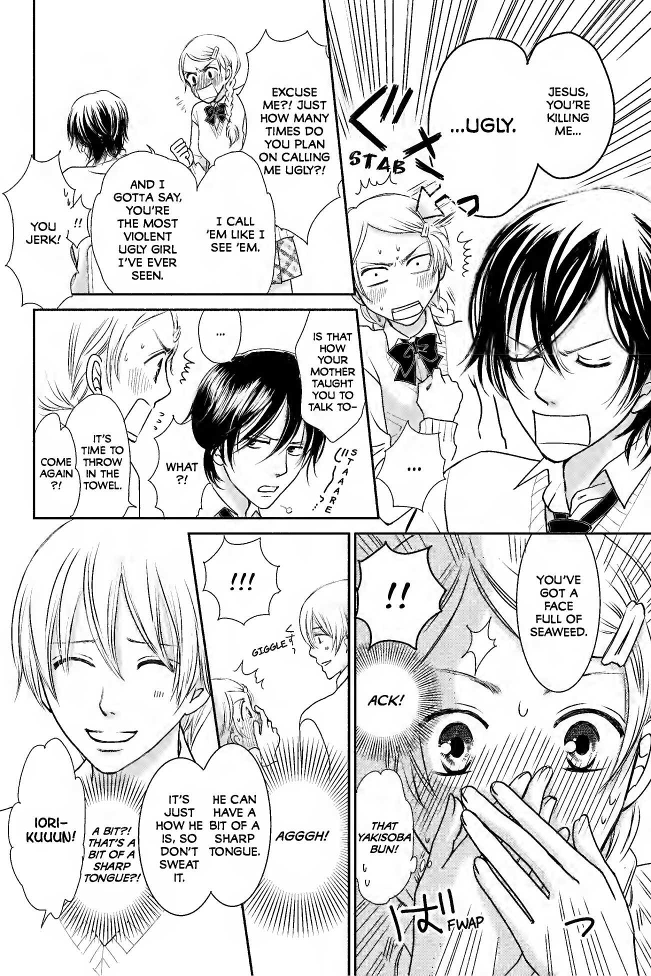

I'M HEADING BACK TO THE CLASSROOM. I WANNA EAT MY BUNS.
'KAY!
AT MY OLD SCHOOL, SOME GIRLS WOULD BRUSH THEIR TEETH, BUT THAT'S ABOUT IT.
I GUESS THINGS ARE DIFFERENT IN THE CITY.
I SORT OF SPLURGED ON THESE TODAY.
STARTING TOMORROW, IT'LL BE HOMEMADE RICE BALLS FOR ME.
Club Pamphlet
OH, YEAH.
SHOULD I JOIN A CLUB?
THEY DO LOOK FUN.
BUT THEN AGAIN, BUYING GEAR FOR THEM COULD GET EXPENSIVE, AND I'LL BE STARTING WORK SOON, SO THERE'S JUST NO WAY.
MUNCH
MUNCH
HEY.
MOVE IT.
YOU'RE IN MY SPOT.

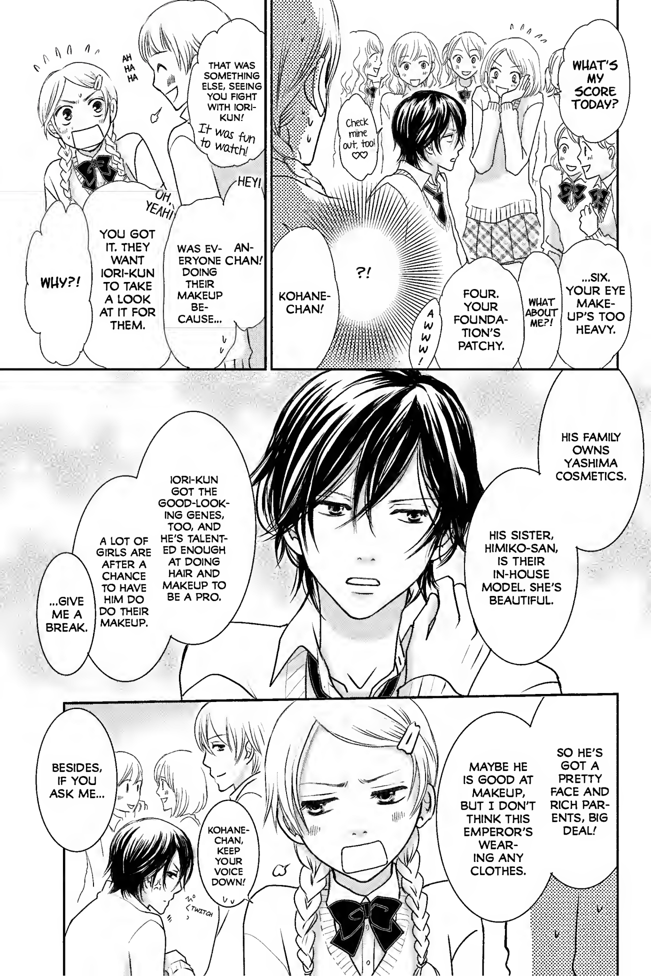

...HUH?
TH-THAT'S ONE FINE SPECIMEN OF A MAN...
...BUT WHAT'S HE MEAN?!
KOHANE-CHAN!
ぼー SPAAACE
NO, YOUR SEAT'S OVER HERE!
HUH?
CLATTER ガタン
OH!
Eeeep!
I SEE. I'M SORRY!
THERE WAS NO BAG OR ANYTHING FOR ME TO GO BY, SO I...G-G-G-GOT MIXED UP!
OTO-HIKO!
WHAT'S UP? YOU SEEM UPSET.
I mean, you're the one who came in late
SINCE WHEN IS THIS GIRL IN OUR CLASS?
OH! I GET IT!
SHE'S YUZUHARA-SAN, THE TRANSFER STUDENT.
Our teacher mentioned her yesterday, remember?
THESE MUST BE THE TOP TWO THAT AN-CHAN WAS TALKING ABOUT!

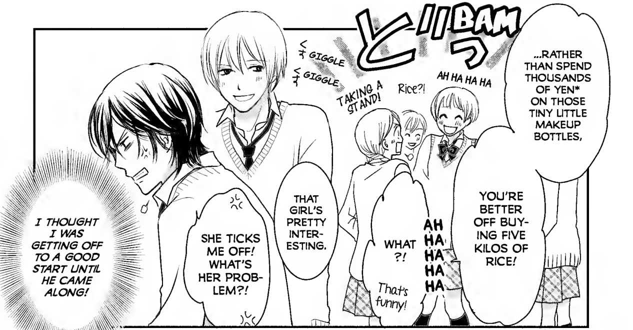

M-MY NAME'S KOHANE YUZUHARA!
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU!
...
STARE
?!
UH–
UMM...
IS SOMETHING–
WHOA.
HE HAS SUCH PRETTY...
...FINGERS–
!!
GRAB

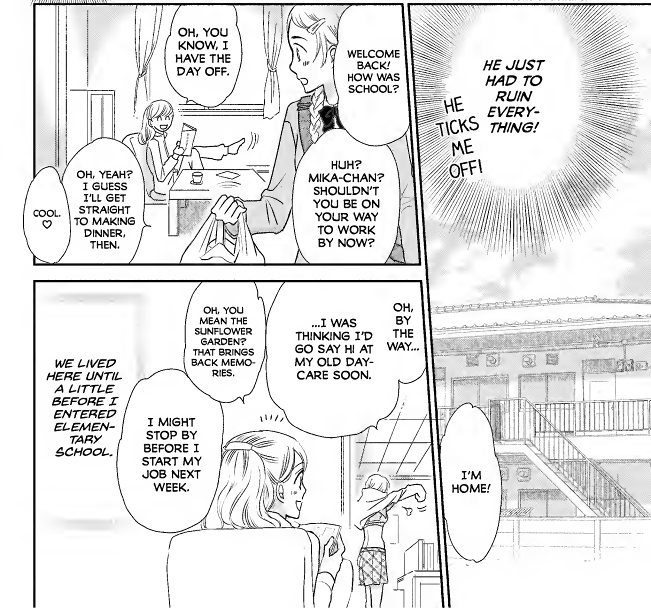

LOOK AT YOU...
N-
NOOOOOO!
WHAT ARE YOU DO-ING?!
KA-SMACK


IORI-KUN!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
ザわっ
CHATTER
OH!
YOU BITCH...
SORRY!
AAACK!
WHAT THE HELL?! DO YOU NORMALLY HIT PEOPLE WHEN YOU MEET THEM?!
W-
WELL...
I-
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GONNA KISS ME!
DUMB-ASS!
WHY WOULD I KISS YOU?!
YOU'RE JUST SO DAMN...
...UGLY!
NOT IN A MILLION YEARS. NOT WITH THOSE EYEBROWS.
You're not even trying, are you?
WHAT...
...DID HE JUST SAY?
AND GOD! I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW DRY YOUR SKIN LOOKS.
WHAT KIND OF LOTION DO YOU USE?!
WH-
WHAT KIND?
I JUST WASH UP WITH SOAP...
SERI-OUSLY?!
THAT'S AWFUL!
?!
WHAT'S HIS PROB-LEM?!
CUT IT OUT, IORI!
YOU'RE GOING TOO FAR.
UGH, HOLY CRAP.


JESUS, YOU'RE KILLING ME...
...UGLY.
STAB
...
EXCUSE ME?! JUST HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU PLAN ON CALLING ME UGLY?!
I CALL 'EM LIKE I SEE 'EM.
AND I GOTTA SAY, YOU'RE THE MOST VIOLENT UGLY GIRL I'VE EVER SEEN.
!!
YOU JERK!
...
IS THAT HOW YOUR MOTHER TAUGHT YOU TO TALK TO-
STAAARE
WHAT?!
IT'S TIME TO THROW IN THE TOWEL.
COME AGAIN?!
!!
YOU'VE GOT A FACE FULL OF SEAWEED.
ACK!
THAT YAKISOBA BUN!
FWAP
!!!
GIGGLE
AGGGH!
HE CAN HAVE A BIT OF A SHARP TONGUE.
IT'S JUST HOW HE IS, SO DON'T SWEAT IT.
A BIT?! THAT'S A BIT OF A SHARP TONGUE?!
IORI-KUUUN!


WHAT'S MY SCORE TODAY?
Check mine out, too! ♡♡
...SIX. YOUR EYE MAKE-UP'S TOO HEAVY.
WHAT ABOUT ME?!
FOUR. YOUR FOUNDATION'S PATCHY.
AWWW!
?!
KOHANE-CHAN!
THAT WAS SOMETHING ELSE, SEEING YOU FIGHT WITH IORI-KUN!
It was fun to watch!
AH HA HA
HEY!
AN-CHAN!
OH, YEAH!
WAS EVERYONE DOING THEIR MAKEUP BECAUSE...
YOU GOT IT. THEY WANT IORI-KUN TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT FOR THEM.
WHY?!
HIS FAMILY OWNS YASHIMA COSMETICS.
HIS SISTER, HIMIKO-SAN, IS THEIR IN-HOUSE MODEL. SHE'S BEAUTIFUL.
IORI-KUN GOT THE GOOD-LOOKING GENES, TOO, AND HE'S TALENTED ENOUGH AT DOING HAIR AND MAKEUP TO BE A PRO.
A LOT OF GIRLS ARE AFTER A CHANCE TO HAVE HIM DO DO THEIR MAKEUP.
...GIVE ME A BREAK.
SO HE'S GOT A PRETTY FACE AND RICH PARENTS, BIG DEAL!
MAYBE HE IS GOOD AT MAKEUP, BUT I DON'T THINK THIS EMPEROR'S WEARING ANY CLOTHES.
KOHANE-CHAN, KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN!
TWITCH
BESIDES, IF YOU ASK ME...


どっ BAM
...RATHER THAN SPEND THOUSANDS OF YEN* ON THOSE TINY LITTLE MAKEUP BOTTLES,
YOU'RE BETTER OFF BUYING FIVE KILOS OF RICE!
AH HA HA HA
Rice?!
TAKING A STAND!
AH HA HA HA HA
WHAT?!
That's funny!
くす GIGGLE
くす GIGGLE
THAT GIRL'S PRETTY INTERESTING.
SHE TICKS ME OFF! WHAT'S HER PROBLEM?!
I THOUGHT I WAS GETTING OFF TO A GOOD START UNTIL HE CAME ALONG!


HE JUST HAD TO RUIN EVERYTHING!
HE TICKS ME OFF!
I'M HOME!
WELCOME BACK! HOW WAS SCHOOL?
OH, YOU KNOW, I HAVE THE DAY OFF.
HUH? MIKA-CHAN? SHOULDN'T YOU BE ON YOUR WAY TO WORK BY NOW?
OH, YEAH? I GUESS I'LL GET STRAIGHT TO MAKING DINNER, THEN.
COOL. ♡
OH, BY THE WAY...
...I WAS THINKING I'D GO SAY HI AT MY OLD DAY-CARE SOON.
OH, YOU MEAN THE SUNFLOWER GARDEN? THAT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES.
I MIGHT STOP BY BEFORE I START MY JOB NEXT WEEK.
WE LIVED HERE UNTIL A LITTLE BEFORE I ENTERED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

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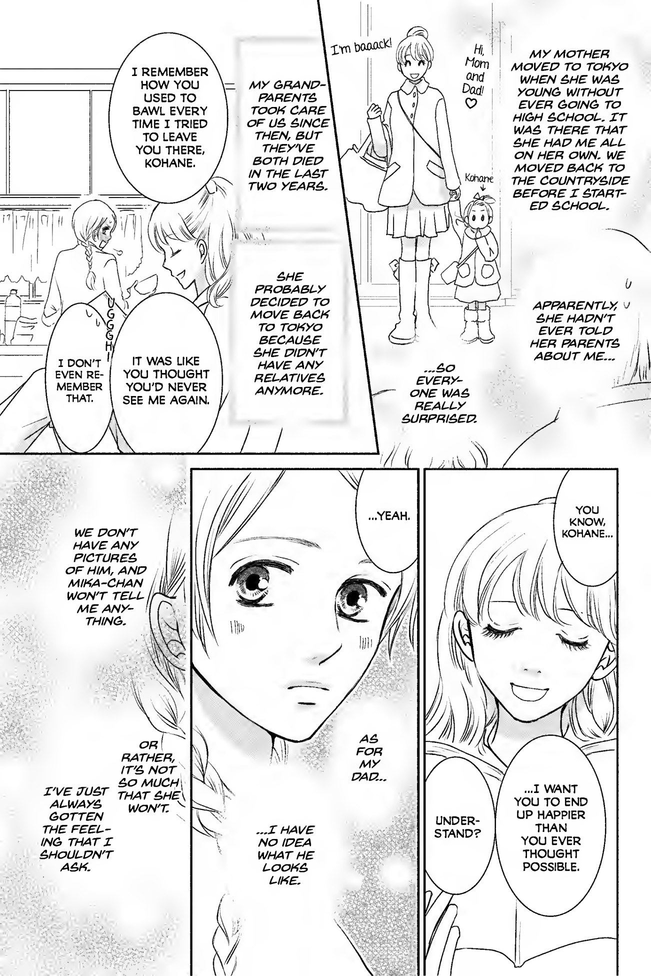
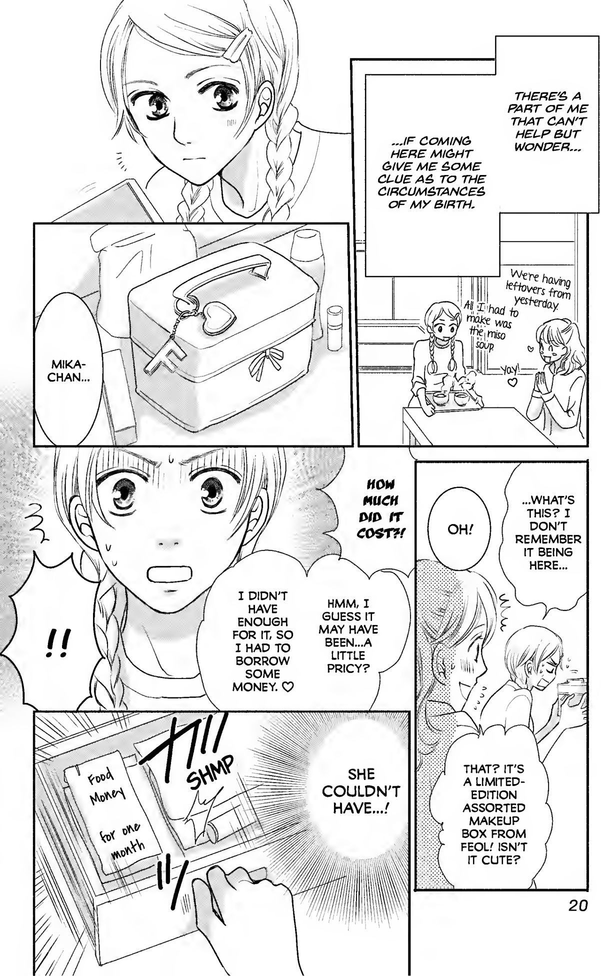
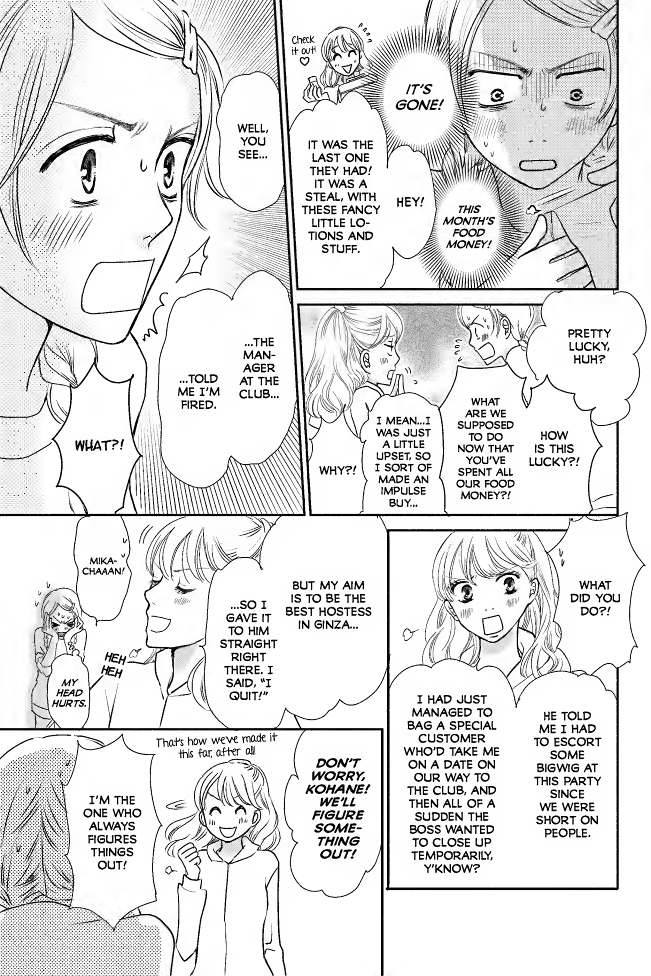
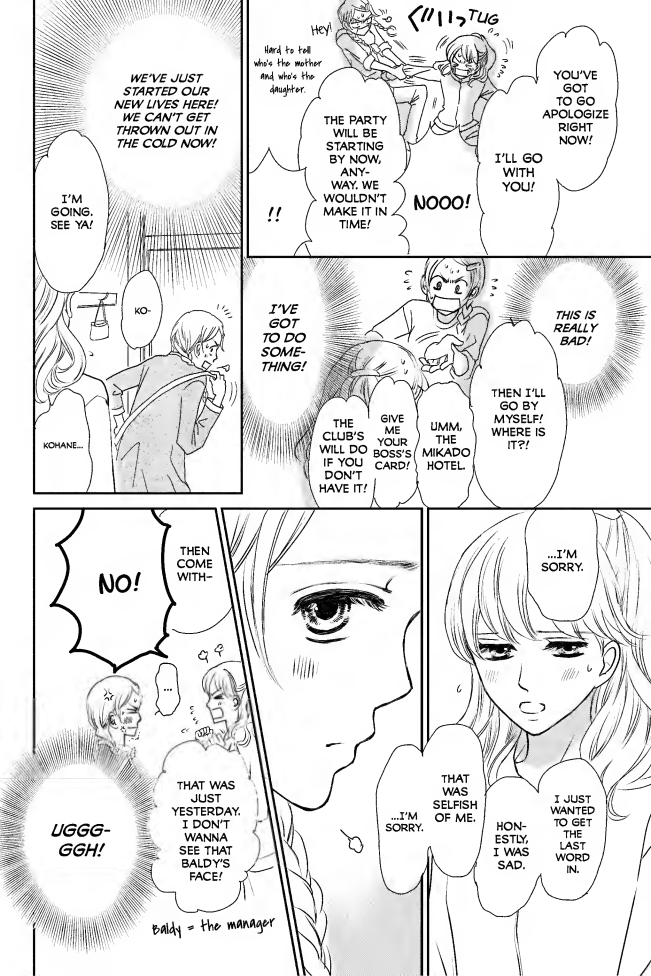
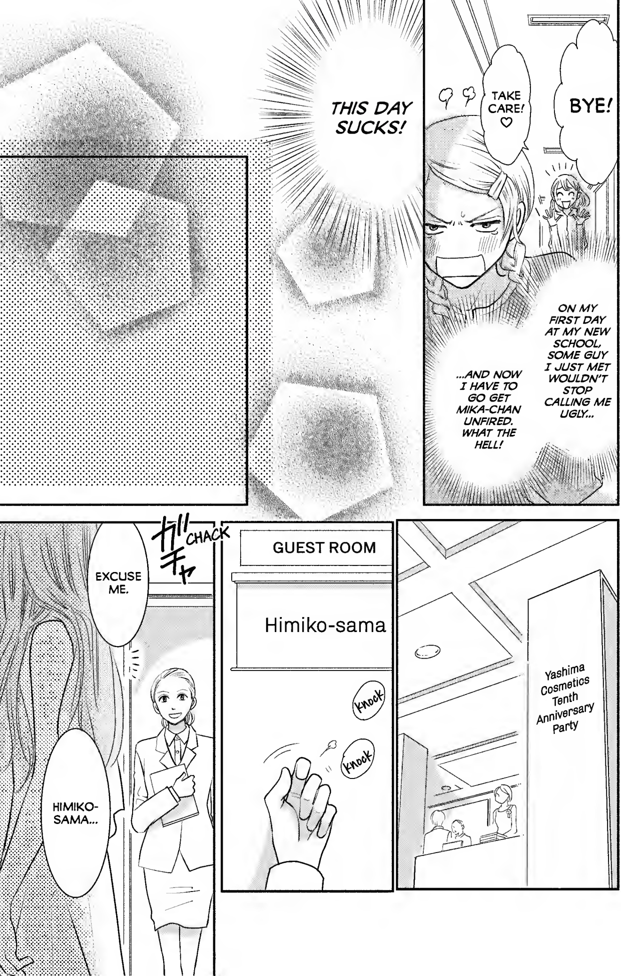
* Tens of dollars

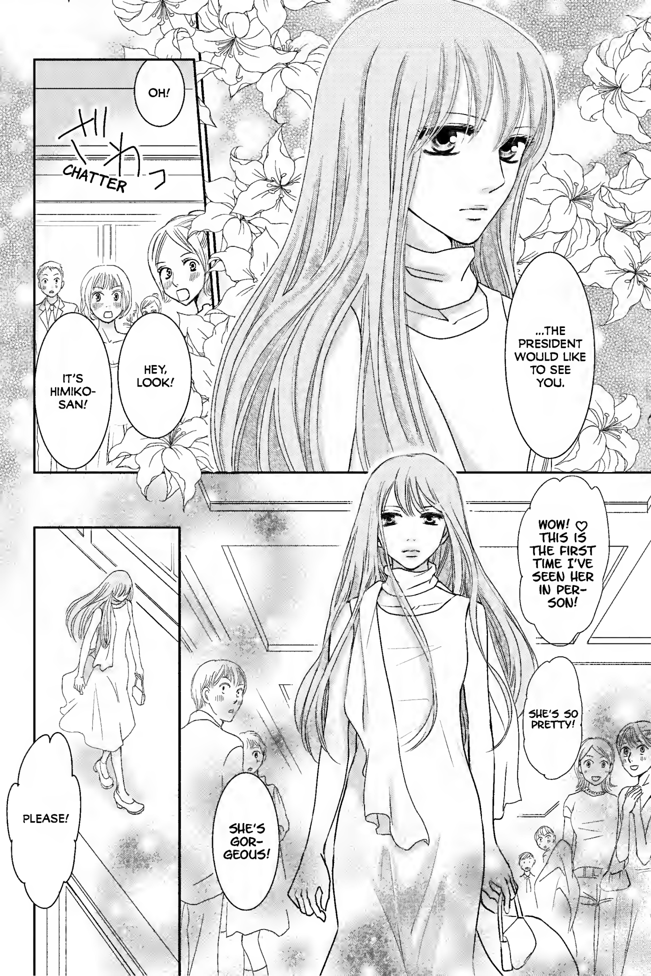

MY MOTHER MOVED TO TOKYO WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG WITHOUT EVER GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL. IT WAS THERE THAT SHE HAD ME ALL ON HER OWN. WE MOVED BACK TO THE COUNTRYSIDE BEFORE I STARTED SCHOOL.
Hi, Mom and Dad! ♡
I'm baaack!
Kohane
APPARENTLY, SHE HADN'T EVER TOLD HER PARENTS ABOUT ME...
...SO EVERYONE WAS REALLY SURPRISED.
MY GRANDPARENTS TOOK CARE OF US SINCE THEN, BUT THEY'VE BOTH DIED IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.
I REMEMBER HOW YOU USED TO BAWL EVERY TIME I TRIED TO LEAVE YOU THERE, KOHANE.
SHE PROBABLY DECIDED TO MOVE BACK TO TOKYO BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANY RELATIVES ANYMORE.
IT WAS LIKE YOU THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER SEE ME AGAIN.
UGGGH!
I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER THAT.
YOU KNOW, KOHANE...
...I WANT YOU TO END UP HAPPIER THAN YOU EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE.
UNDERSTAND?
...YEAH.
AS FOR MY DAD...
...I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE.
WE DON'T HAVE ANY PICTURES OF HIM, AND MIKA-CHAN WON'T TELL ME ANYTHING.
OR RATHER, IT'S NOT SO MUCH THAT SHE WON'T.
I'VE JUST ALWAYS GOTTEN THE FEELING THAT I SHOULDN'T ASK.

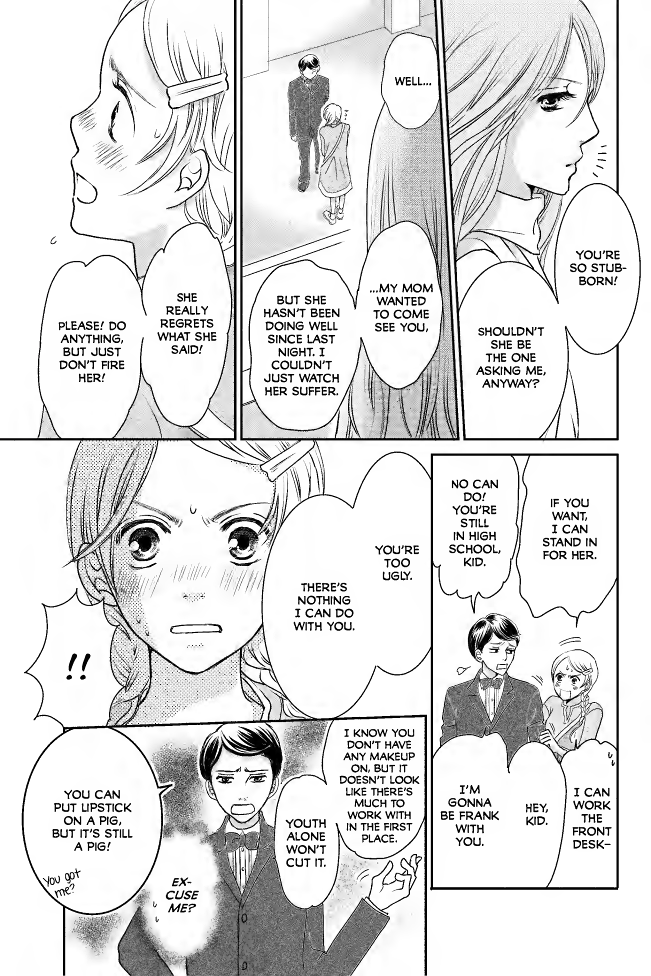

THERE'S A PART OF ME THAT CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER...
...IF COMING HERE MIGHT GIVE ME SOME CLUE AS TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF MY BIRTH.
We're having leftovers from yesterday.
All I had to make was the miso soup.
Yay! ♡
MIKA-CHAN...
F
...WHAT'S THIS? I DON'T REMEMBER IT BEING HERE...
OH!
THAT? IT'S A LIMITED-EDITION ASSORTED MAKEUP BOX FROM FEOL! ISN'T IT CUTE?
HOW MUCH DID IT COST?!
HMM, I GUESS IT MAY HAVE BEEN...A LITTLE PRICY?
I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH FOR IT, SO I HAD TO BORROW SOME MONEY. ♡
!!
SHE COULDN'T HAVE...!
SHMP
Food Money for one month

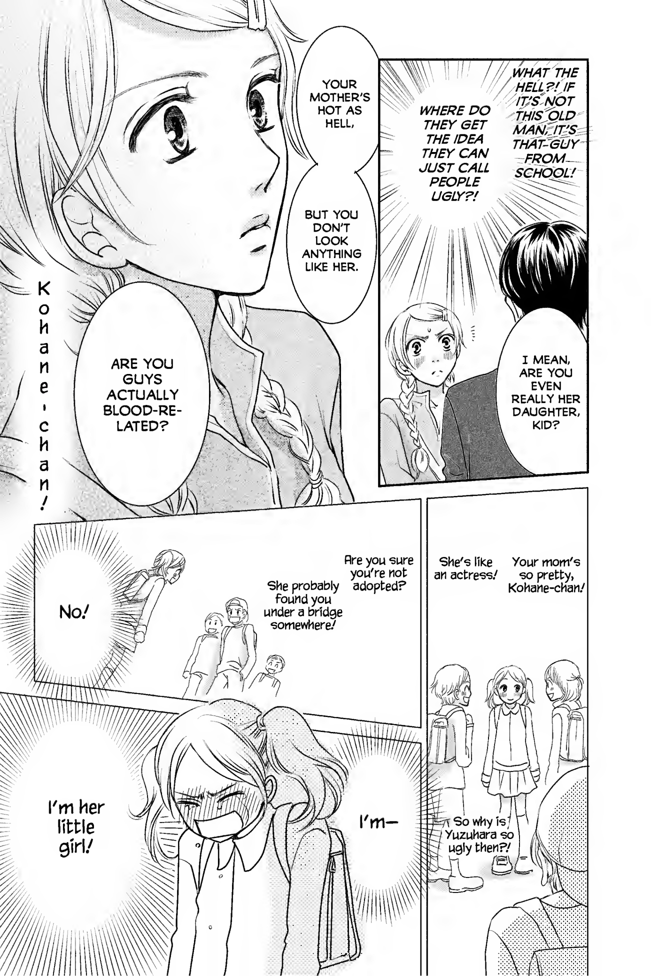

THIS MONTH'S FOOD MONEY!
IT'S GONE!
HEY!
IT WAS THE LAST ONE THEY HAD! IT WAS A STEAL, WITH THESE FANCY LITTLE LOTIONS AND STUFF.
Check it out! ♡
PRETTY LUCKY, HUH?
HOW IS THIS LUCKY?!
WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO NOW THAT YOU'VE SPENT ALL OUR FOOD MONEY?!
I MEAN...I WAS JUST A LITTLE UPSET, SO I SORT OF MADE AN IMPULSE BUY...
WHY?!
WELL, YOU SEE...
...THE MANAGER AT THE CLUB...
...TOLD ME I'M FIRED.
WHAT?!
WHAT DID YOU DO?!
HE TOLD ME I HAD TO ESCORT SOME BIGWIG AT THIS PARTY SINCE WE WERE SHORT ON PEOPLE.
I HAD JUST MANAGED TO BAG A SPECIAL CUSTOMER WHO'D TAKE ME ON A DATE ON OUR WAY TO THE CLUB, AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN THE BOSS WANTED TO CLOSE UP TEMPORARILY, Y'KNOW?
BUT MY AIM IS TO BE THE BEST HOSTESS IN GINZA...
...SO I GAVE IT TO HIM STRAIGHT RIGHT THERE. I SAID, "I QUIT!"
MIKA-CHAAAN!
HEH HEH
MY HEAD HURTS.
DON'T WORRY, KOHANE! WE'LL FIGURE SOMETHING OUT!
That's how we've made it this far, after all!
I'M THE ONE WHO ALWAYS FIGURES THINGS OUT!

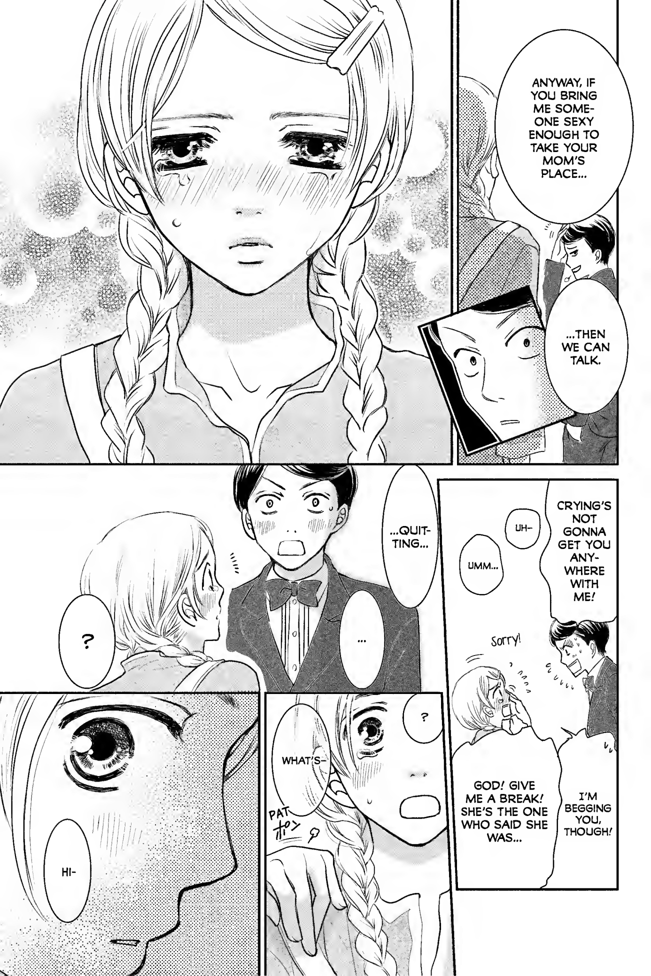

I'M GOING. SEE YA!
KO-
KOHANE...
WE'VE JUST STARTED OUR NEW LIVES HERE! WE CAN'T GET THROWN OUT IN THE COLD NOW!
TUG
Hey!
Hard to tell who's the mother and who's the daughter.
YOU'VE GOT TO GO APOLOGIZE RIGHT NOW!
I'LL GO WITH YOU!
NOOO!
THE PARTY WILL BE STARTING BY NOW, ANYWAY. WE WOULDN'T MAKE IT IN TIME!
!!
THEN I'LL GO BY MYSELF! WHERE IS IT?!
UMM, THE MIKADO HOTEL.
GIVE ME YOUR BOSS'S CARD!
THE CLUB'S WILL DO IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT!
THIS IS REALLY BAD!
I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!
THEN COME WITH-
NO!
...
THAT WAS JUST YESTERDAY. I DON'T WANNA SEE THAT BALDY'S FACE!
UGGGGH!
Baldy = the manager
...I'M SORRY.
I JUST WANTED TO GET THE LAST WORD IN.
HONESTLY, I WAS SAD.
THAT WAS SELFISH OF ME.
...I'M SORRY.

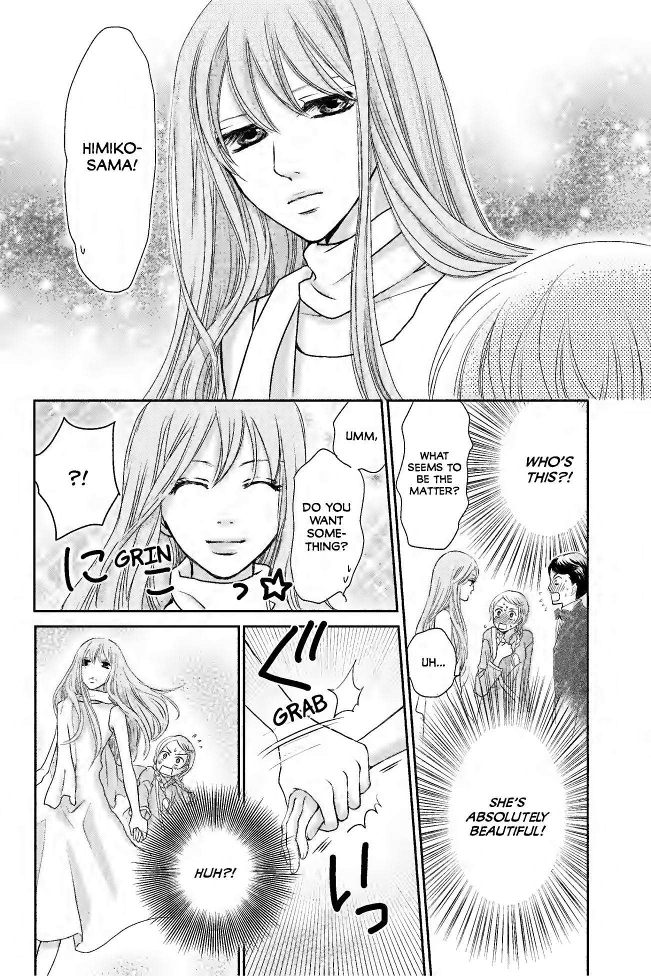

BYE!
TAKE CARE! ♡
ON MY FIRST DAY AT MY NEW SCHOOL, SOME GUY I JUST MET WOULDN'T STOP CALLING ME UGLY...
...AND NOW I HAVE TO GO GET MIKA-CHAN UNFIRED. WHAT THE HELL!
THIS DAY SUCKS!
Yashima Cosmetics Tenth Anniversary Party
GUEST ROOM
Himiko-sama
knock
knock
ガチャ CHACK
EXCUSE ME.
HIMIKO-SAMA...

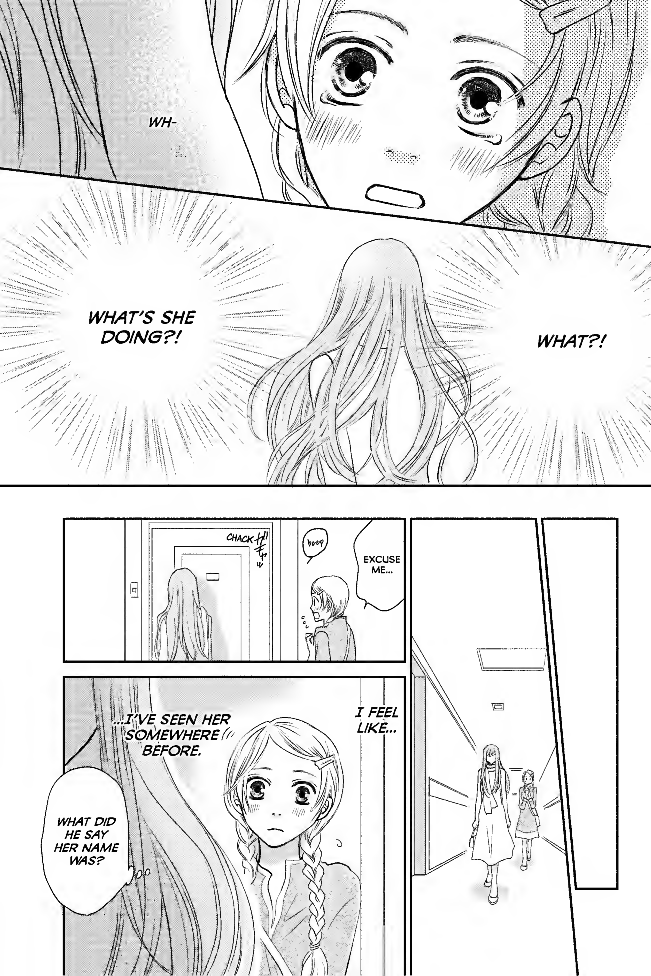

...THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU.
OH!
CHATTER
HEY, LOOK!
IT'S HIMIKO-SAN!
WOW! ♡ THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN HER IN PERSON!
SHE'S SO PRETTY!
SHE'S GORGEOUS!
PLEASE!

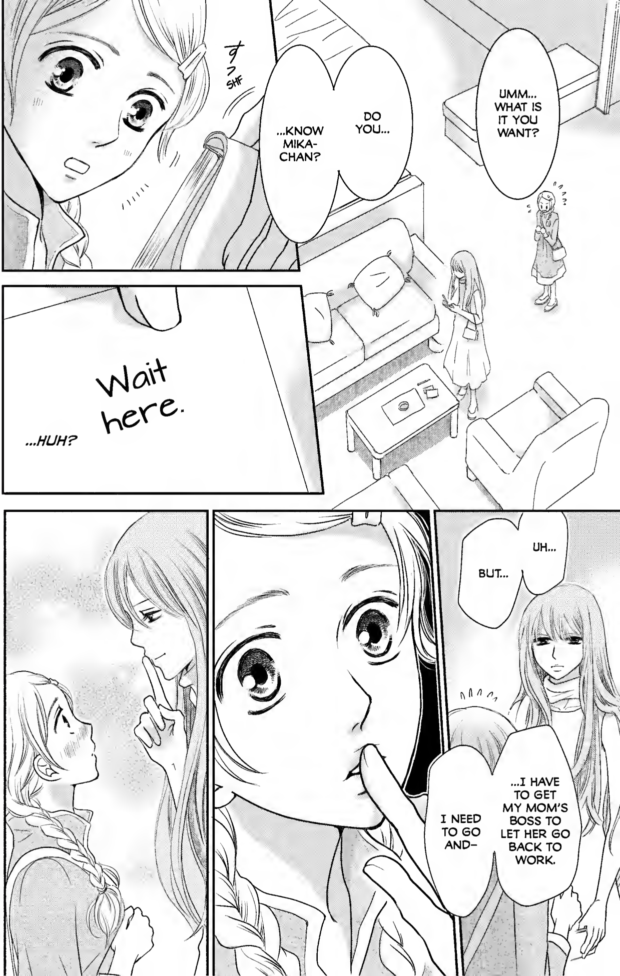

YOU'RE SO STUBBORN!
SHOULDN'T SHE BE THE ONE ASKING ME, ANYWAY?
WELL...
...MY MOM WANTED TO COME SEE YOU,
BUT SHE HASN'T BEEN DOING WELL SINCE LAST NIGHT. I COULDN'T JUST WATCH HER SUFFER.
SHE REALLY REGRETS WHAT SHE SAID!
PLEASE! DO ANYTHING, BUT JUST DON'T FIRE HER!
IF YOU WANT, I CAN STAND IN FOR HER.
NO CAN DO! YOU'RE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL, KID.
I CAN WORK THE FRONT DESK–
HEY, KID.
I'M GONNA BE FRANK WITH YOU.
YOU'RE TOO UGLY.
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO WITH YOU.
!!
I KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MAKEUP ON, BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THERE'S MUCH TO WORK WITH IN THE FIRST PLACE.
YOUTH ALONE WON'T CUT IT.
EXCUSE ME?
YOU CAN PUT LIPSTICK ON A PIG, BUT IT'S STILL A PIG!
You got me?


YOUR MOTHER'S HOT AS HELL,
BUT YOU DON'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE HER.
ARE YOU GUYS ACTUALLY BLOOD-RELATED?
I MEAN, ARE YOU EVEN REALLY HER DAUGHTER, KID?
WHAT THE HELL?! IF IT'S NOT THIS OLD MAN, IT'S THAT GUY FROM SCHOOL!
WHERE DO THEY GET THE IDEA THEY CAN JUST CALL PEOPLE UGLY?!
Kohane-chan!
Your mom's so pretty, Kohane-chan!
She's like an actress!
So why is Yuzuhara so ugly then?!
Are you sure you're not adopted?
She probably found you under a bridge somewhere!
No!
I'm—
I'm her little girl!


ANYWAY, IF YOU BRING ME SOMEONE SEXY ENOUGH TO TAKE YOUR MOM'S PLACE...
...THEN WE CAN TALK.
CRYING'S NOT GONNA GET YOU ANYWHERE WITH ME!
UH-
UMM...
Sorry!
I'M BEGGING YOU, THOUGH!
GOD! GIVE ME A BREAK! SHE'S THE ONE WHO SAID SHE WAS...
...QUITTING...
...
?
?
WHAT'S-
PAT
ポン
HI-


HIMIKO-SAMA!
WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE MATTER?
WHO'S THIS?!
UH...
SHE'S ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL!
UMM,
DO YOU WANT SOMETHING?
にこっ GRIN ☆
?!
ぐいっ GRAB
HUH?!


WH-
WHAT?!
WHAT'S SHE DOING?!
EXCUSE ME...
beep
CHACK
I FEEL LIKE...
...I'VE SEEN HER SOMEWHERE BEFORE.
WHAT DID HE SAY HER NAME WAS?


UMM... WHAT IS IT YOU WANT?
DO YOU...
...KNOW MIKA-CHAN?
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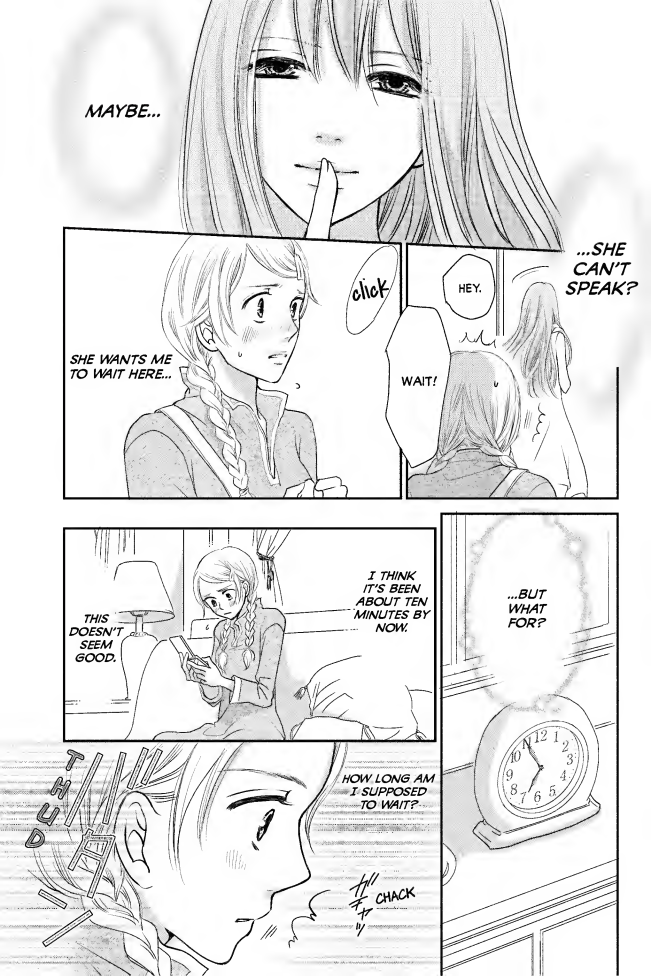
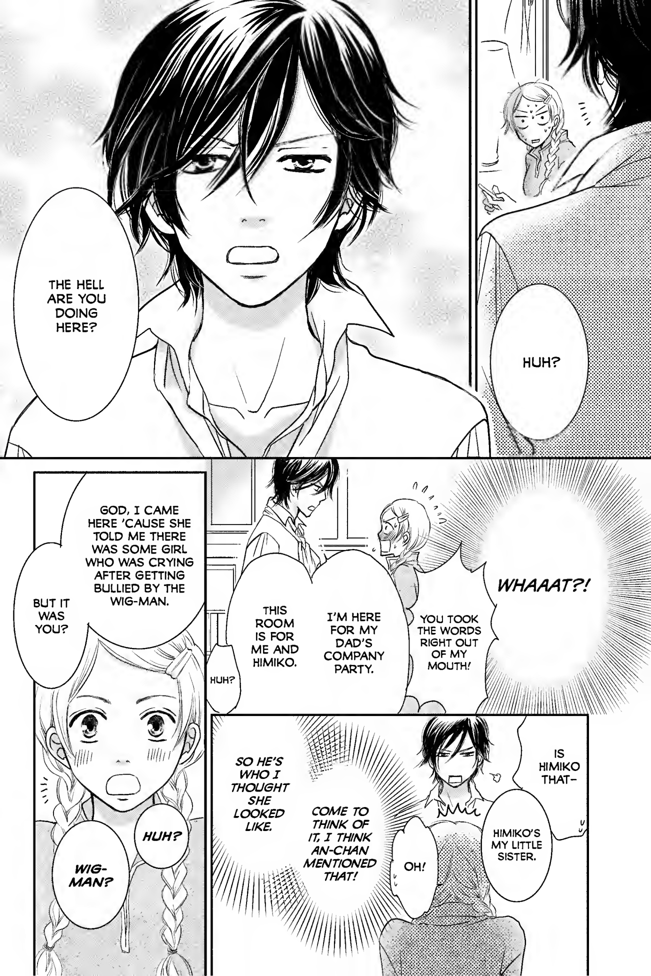
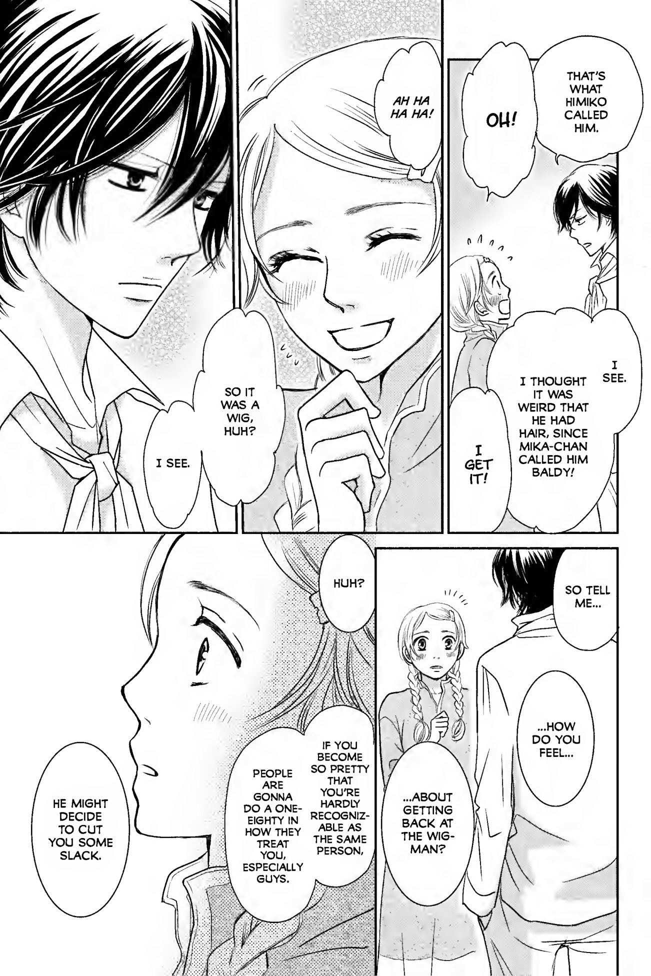
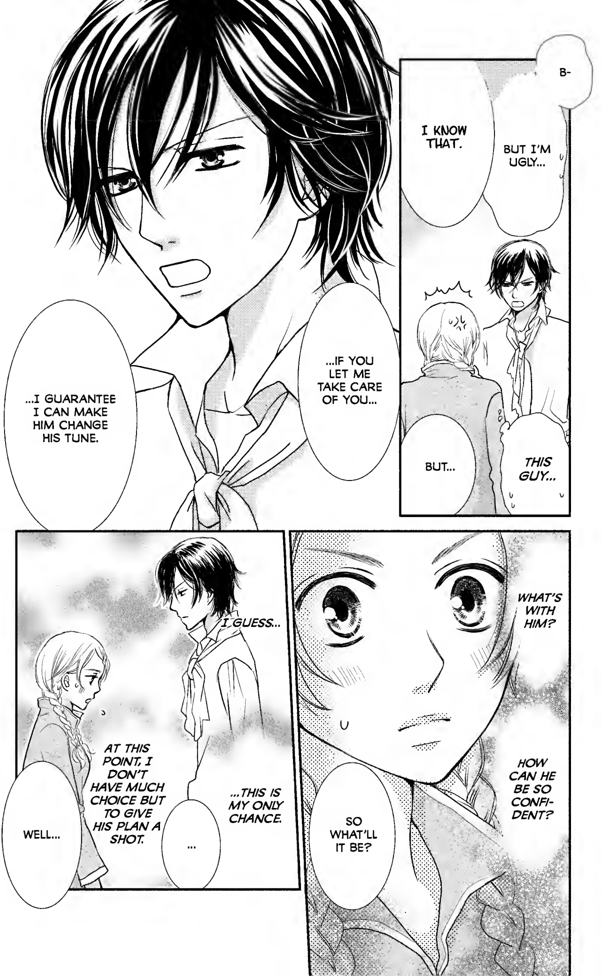
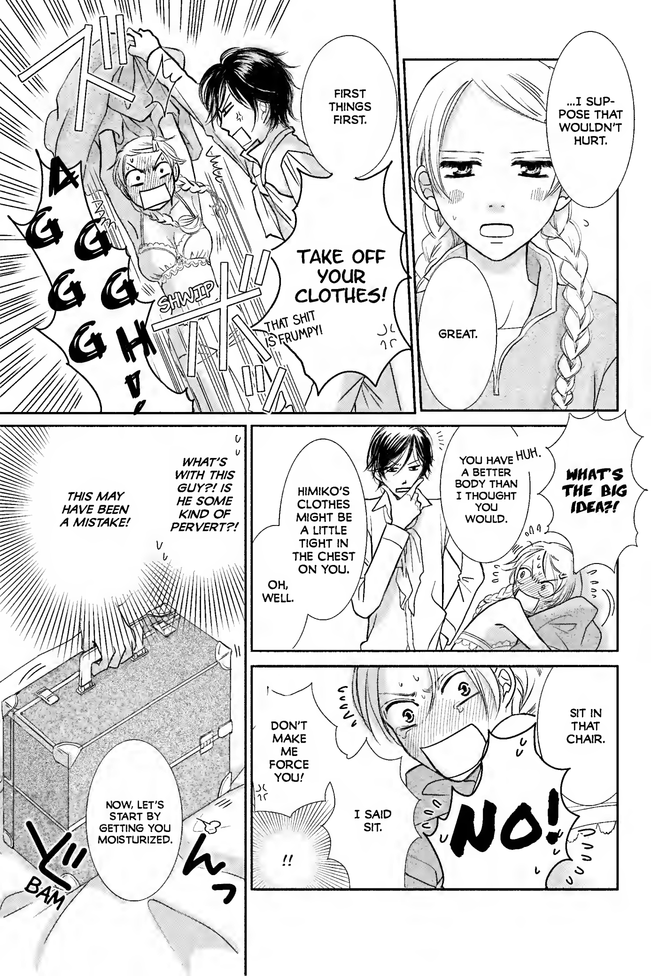
SHF
Wait here.
...HUH?
UH...
BUT...
...I HAVE TO GET MY MOM'S BOSS TO LET HER GO BACK TO WORK.
I NEED TO GO AND–

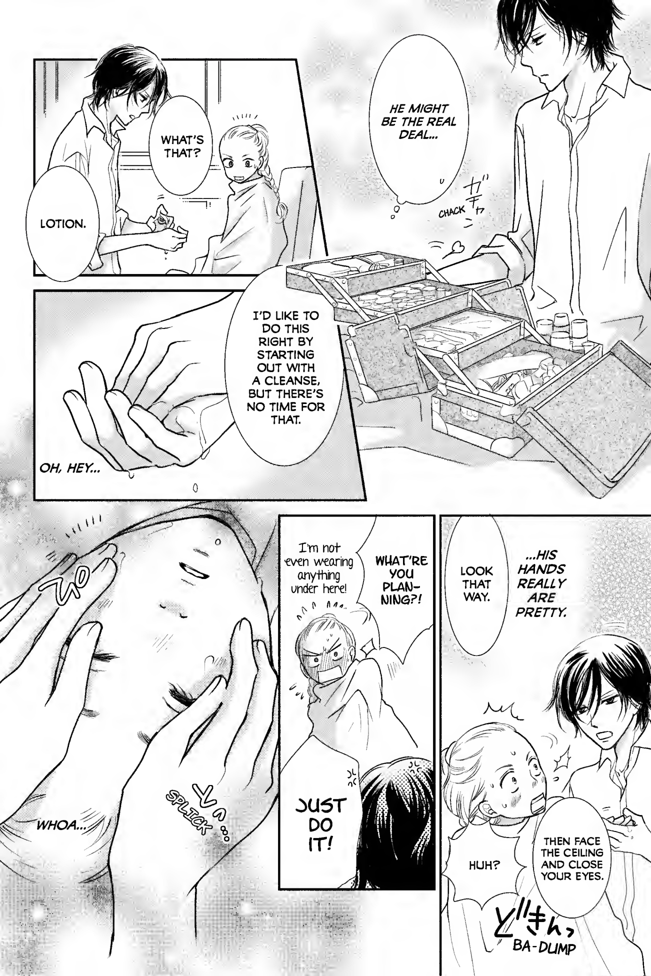

MAYBE...
...SHE CAN'T SPEAK?
HEY.
WAIT!
click
SHE WANTS ME TO WAIT HERE...
...BUT WHAT FOR?
I THINK IT'S BEEN ABOUT TEN MINUTES BY NOW.
THIS DOESN'T SEEM GOOD.
HOW LONG AM I SUPPOSED TO WAIT?
ガチャッ
CHACK
THUD

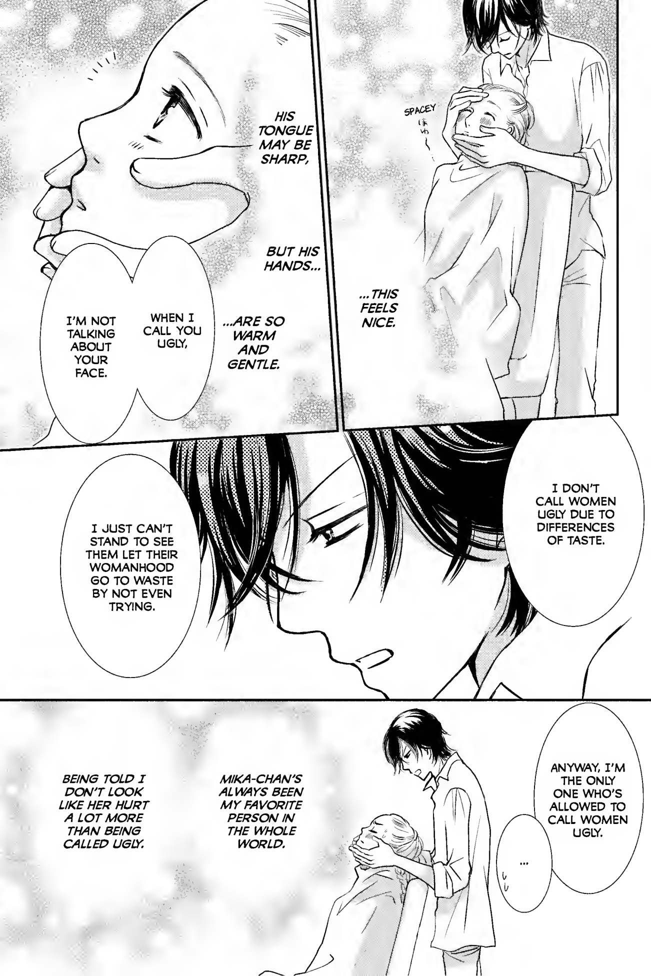

HUH?
THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHAAAT?!
YOU TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH!
I'M HERE FOR MY DAD'S COMPANY PARTY.
THIS ROOM IS FOR ME AND HIMIKO.
HUH?
IS HIMIKO THAT-
HIMIKO'S MY LITTLE SISTER.
OH!
COME TO THINK OF IT, I THINK AN-CHAN MENTIONED THAT!
SO HE'S WHO I THOUGHT SHE LOOKED LIKE.
GOD, I CAME HERE 'CAUSE SHE TOLD ME THERE WAS SOME GIRL WHO WAS CRYING AFTER GETTING BULLIED BY THE WIG-MAN.
BUT IT WAS YOU?
HUH?
WIG-MAN?

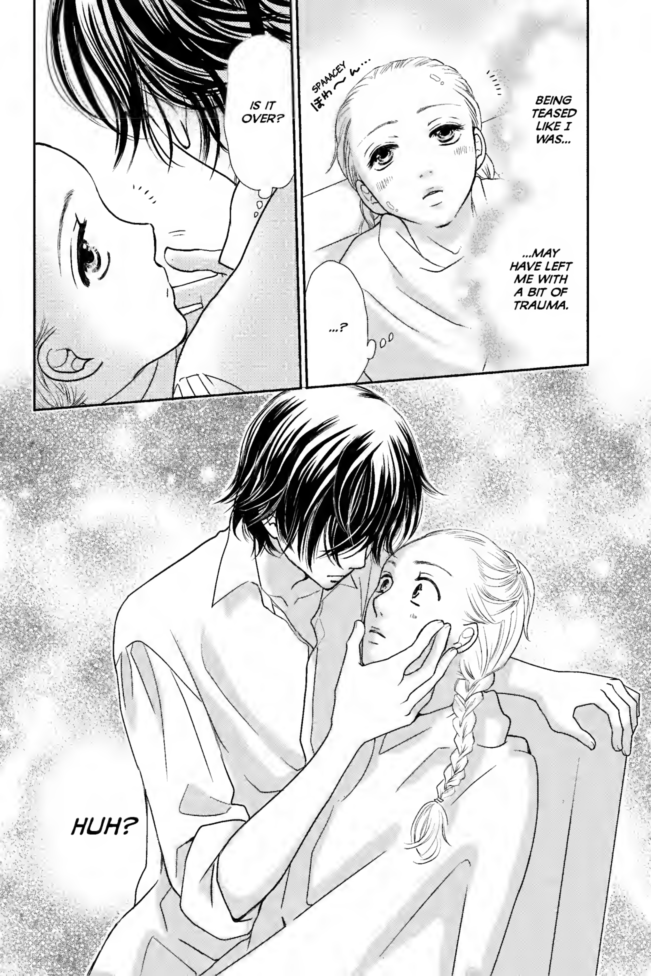

THAT'S WHAT HIMIKO CALLED HIM.
OH!
I SEE.
I THOUGHT IT WAS WEIRD THAT HE HAD HAIR, SINCE MIKA-CHAN CALLED HIM BALDY!
I GET IT!
AH HA HA HA!
SO IT WAS A WIG, HUH?
I SEE.
SO TELL ME...
...HOW DO YOU FEEL...
...ABOUT GETTING BACK AT THE WIG-MAN?
HUH?
IF YOU BECOME SO PRETTY THAT YOU'RE HARDLY RECOGNIZABLE AS THE SAME PERSON,
PEOPLE ARE GONNA DO A ONE-EIGHTY IN HOW THEY TREAT YOU, ESPECIALLY GUYS.
HE MIGHT DECIDE TO CUT YOU SOME SLACK.

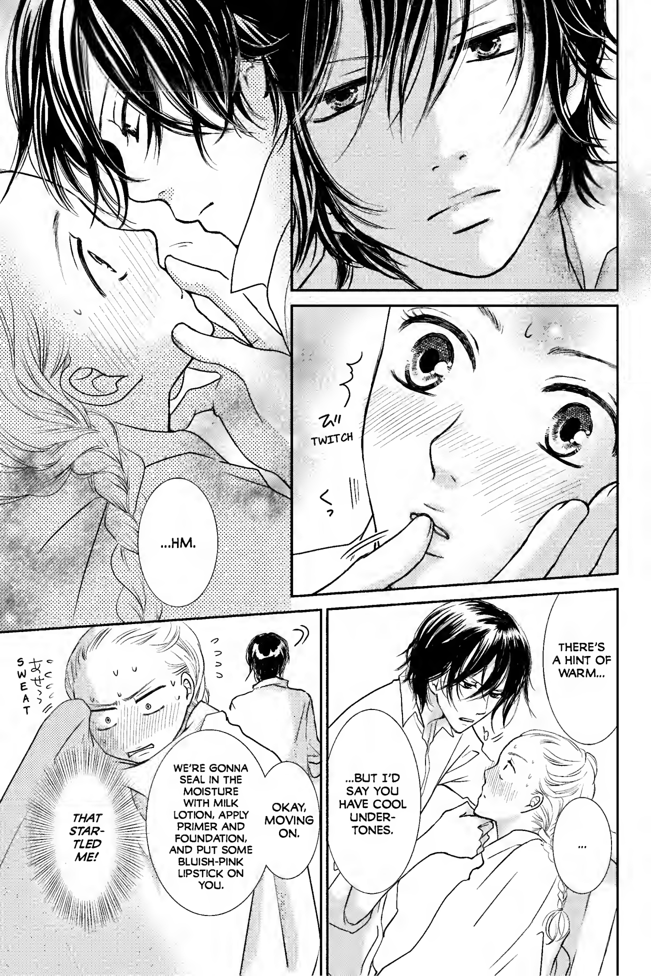

B-
BUT I'M UGLY...
I KNOW THAT.
THIS GUY...
BUT...
...IF YOU LET ME TAKE CARE OF YOU...
...I GUARANTEE I CAN MAKE HIM CHANGE HIS TUNE.
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
HOW CAN HE BE SO CONFI-DENT?
SO WHAT'LL IT BE?
I GUESS...
...THIS IS MY ONLY CHANCE.
...
AT THIS POINT, I DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE BUT TO GIVE HIS PLAN A SHOT.
WELL...

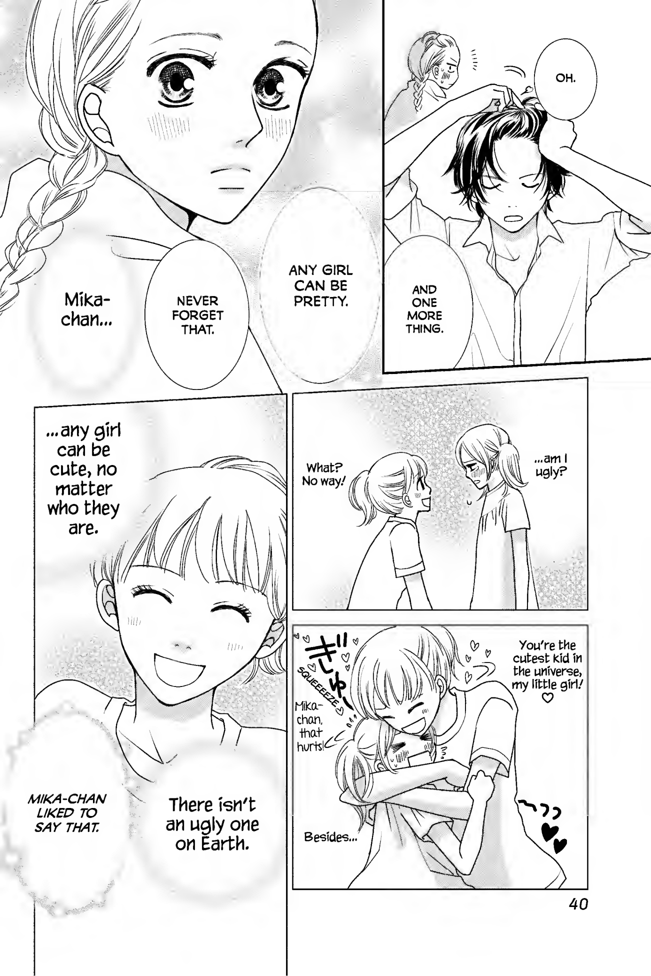

...I SUPPOSE THAT WOULDN'T HURT.
GREAT.
FIRST THINGS FIRST.
TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES!
THAT SHIT IS FRUMPY!
SHWIP
AGGGGGH!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?!
HUH.
YOU HAVE A BETTER BODY THAN I THOUGHT YOU WOULD.
HIMIKO'S CLOTHES MIGHT BE A LITTLE TIGHT IN THE CHEST ON YOU.
OH, WELL.
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?! IS HE SOME KIND OF PERVERT?!
THIS MAY HAVE BEEN A MISTAKE!
SIT IN THAT CHAIR.
NO!
DON'T MAKE ME FORCE YOU!
I SAID SIT.
!!
NOW, LET'S START BY GETTING YOU MOISTURIZED.
BAM

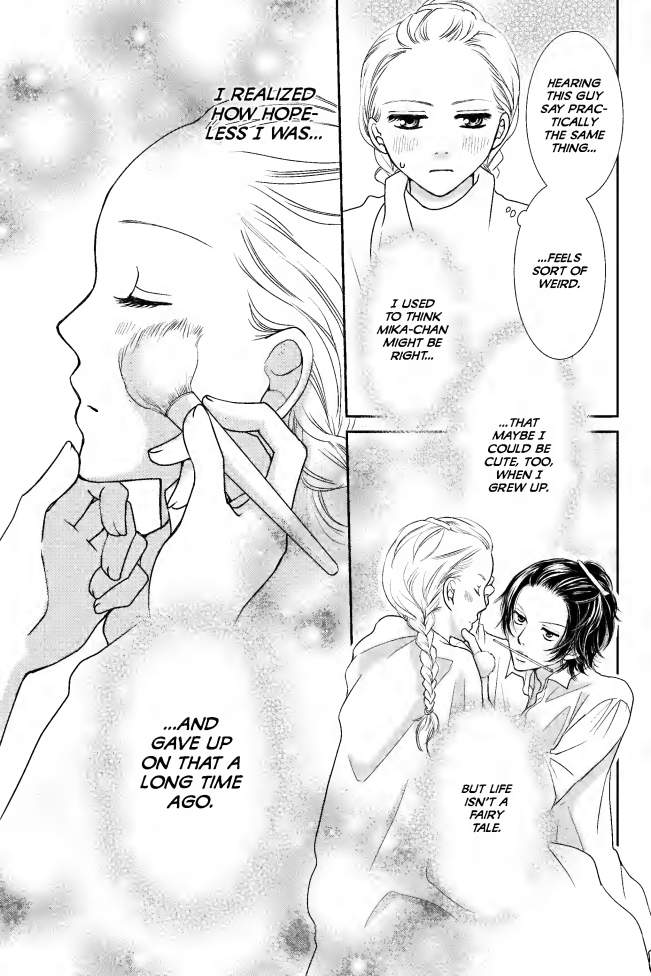

HE MIGHT BE THE REAL DEAL...
ガチャ
CHACK
WHAT'S THAT?
LOTION.
I'D LIKE TO DO THIS RIGHT BY STARTING OUT WITH A CLEANSE, BUT THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT.
OH, HEY...
LOOK THAT WAY.
...HIS HANDS REALLY ARE PRETTY.
HUH?
THEN FACE THE CEILING AND CLOSE YOUR EYES.
どきんっ
BA-DUMP
WHAT'RE YOU PLANNING?!
I'm not even wearing anything under here!
JUST DO IT!
SPLICK
WHOA...

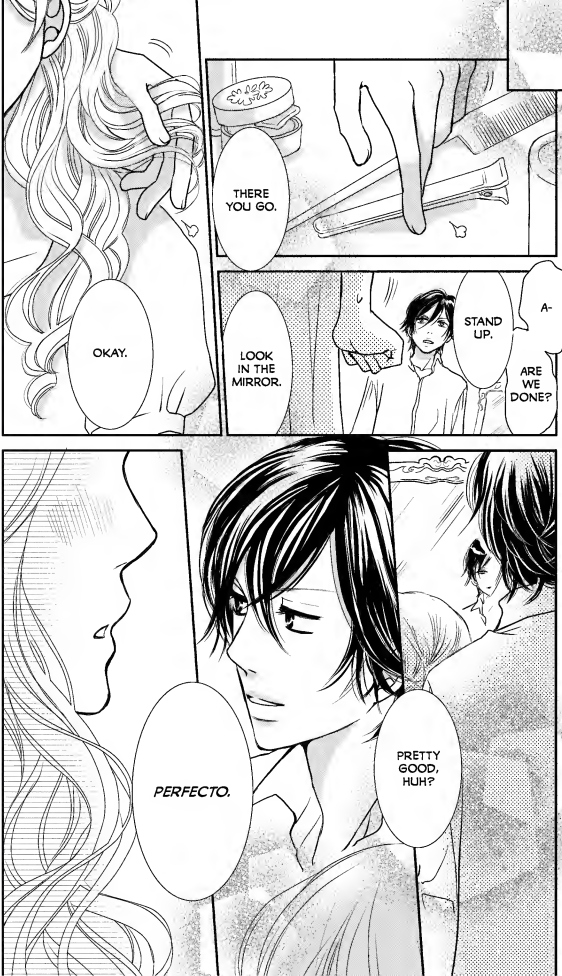

SPACEY
ほゆ～
...THIS FEELS NICE.
HIS TONGUE MAY BE SHARP,
BUT HIS HANDS...
...ARE SO WARM AND GENTLE.
WHEN I CALL YOU UGLY,
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT YOUR FACE.
I DON'T CALL WOMEN UGLY DUE TO DIFFERENCES OF TASTE.
I JUST CAN'T STAND TO SEE THEM LET THEIR WOMANHOOD GO TO WASTE BY NOT EVEN TRYING.
ANYWAY, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'S ALLOWED TO CALL WOMEN UGLY.
...
MIKA-CHAN'S ALWAYS BEEN MY FAVORITE PERSON IN THE WHOLE WORLD.
BEING TOLD I DON'T LOOK LIKE HER HURT A LOT MORE THAN BEING CALLED UGLY.

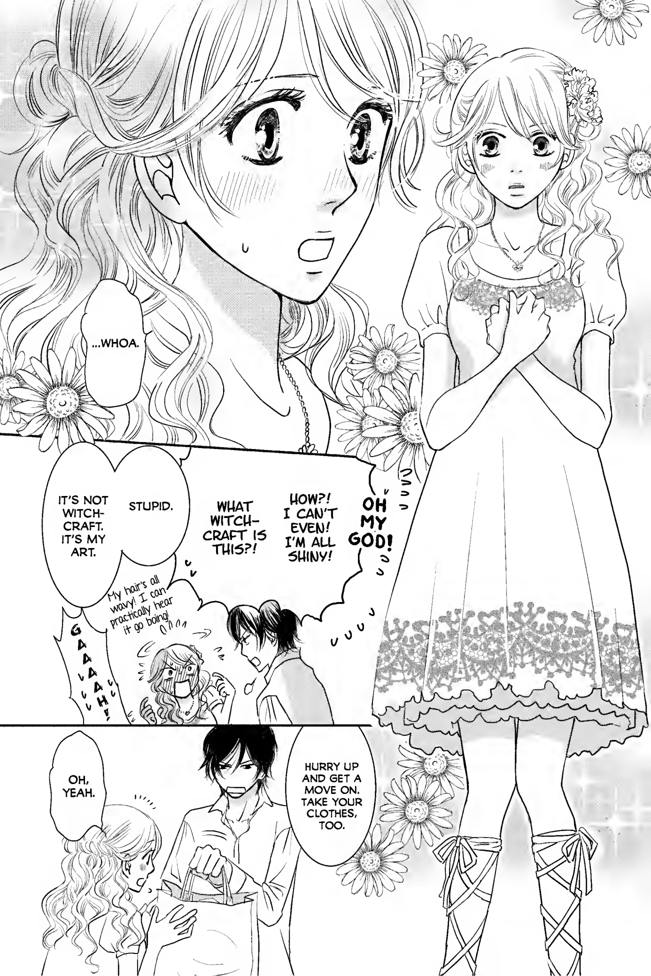

BEING TEASED LIKE I WAS...
SPAAACEY ほわ〜ん…
...MAY HAVE LEFT ME WITH A BIT OF TRAUMA.
...?
IS IT OVER?
HUH?

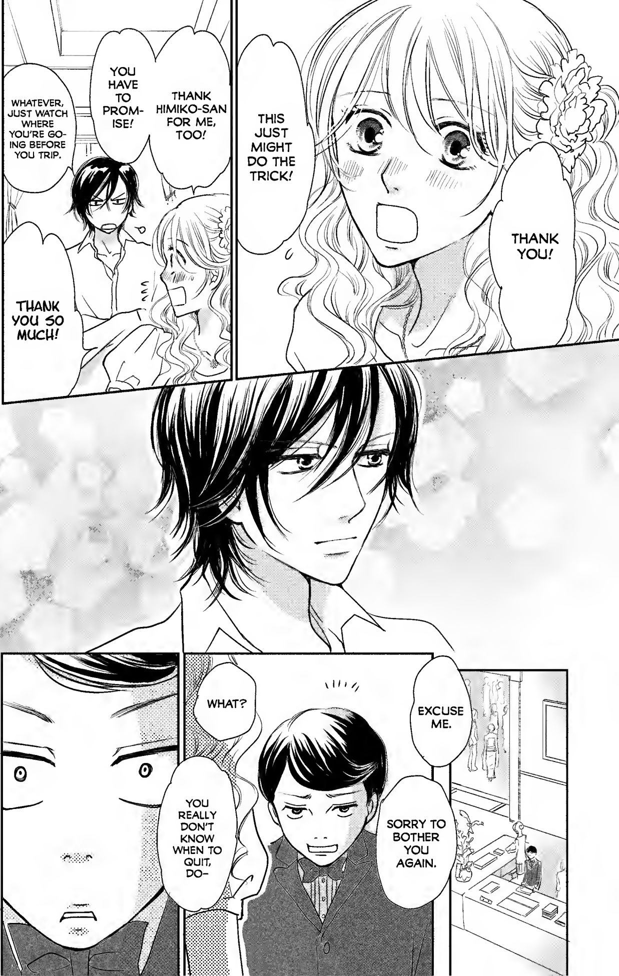

TWITCH
...HM.
THERE'S A HINT OF WARM...
...BUT I'D SAY YOU HAVE COOL UNDERTONES.
...
OKAY, MOVING ON.
WE'RE GONNA SEAL IN THE MOISTURE WITH MILK LOTION, APPLY PRIMER AND FOUNDATION, AND PUT SOME BLUISH-PINK LIPSTICK ON YOU.
SWEAT
THAT STARTLED ME!

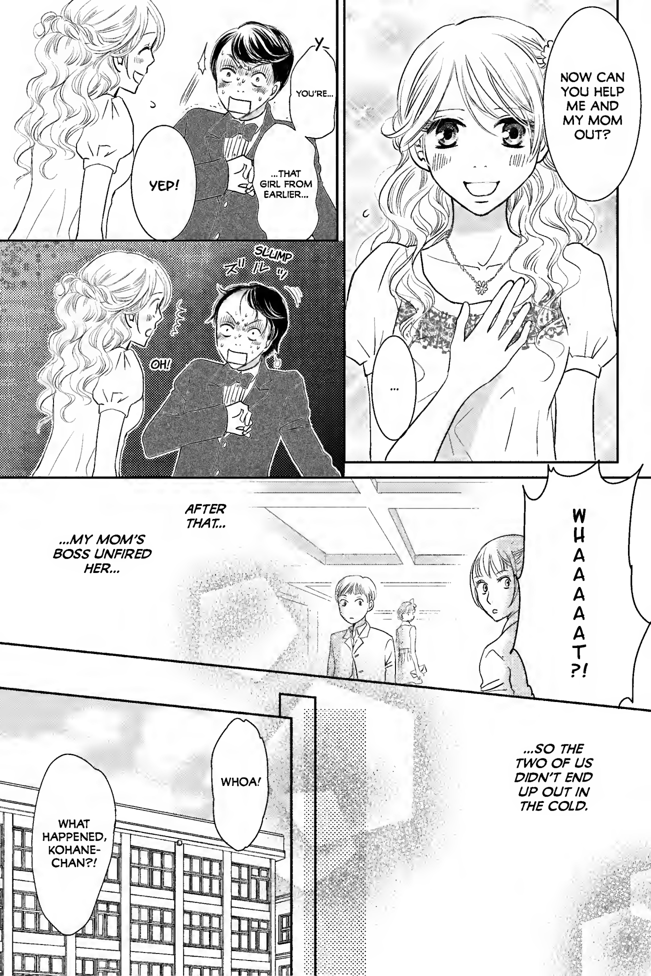

OH.
AND ONE MORE THING.
ANY GIRL CAN BE PRETTY.
NEVER FORGET THAT.
Mika-chan...
...am I ugly?
What? No way!
You're the cutest kid in the universe, my little girl! ♡
ぎゅっ
SQUEEEEZE
Mika-chan, that hurts!
Besides...
...any girl can be cute, no matter who they are.
There isn't an ugly one on Earth.
MIKA-CHAN LIKED TO SAY THAT.

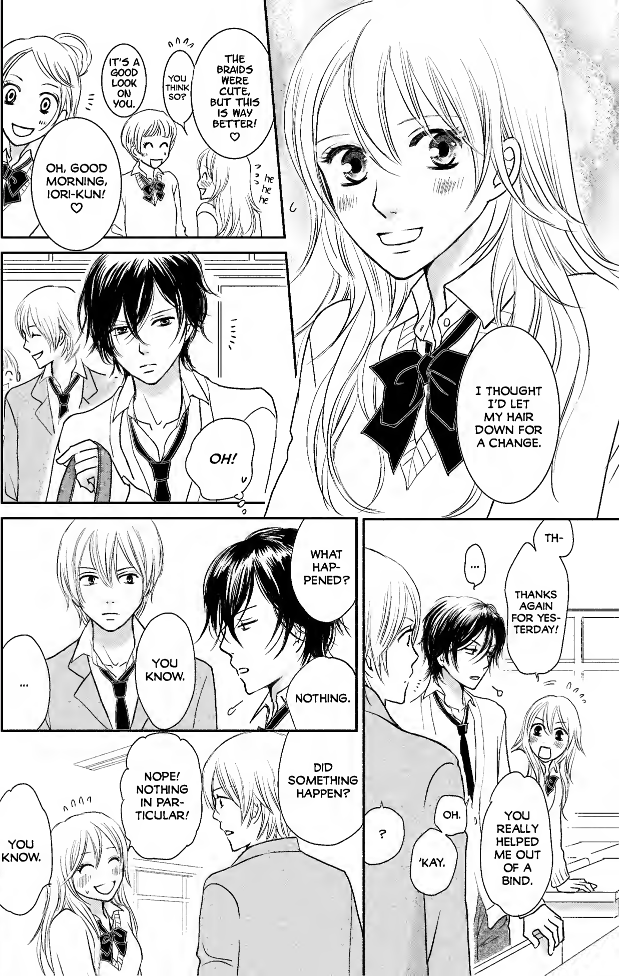

HEARING THIS GUY SAY PRACTICALLY THE SAME THING...
...FEELS SORT OF WEIRD.
I USED TO THINK MIKA-CHAN MIGHT BE RIGHT...
...THAT MAYBE I COULD BE CUTE, TOO, WHEN I GREW UP.
BUT LIFE ISN'T A FAIRY TALE.
I REALIZED HOW HOPELESS I WAS...
...AND GAVE UP ON THAT A LONG TIME AGO.

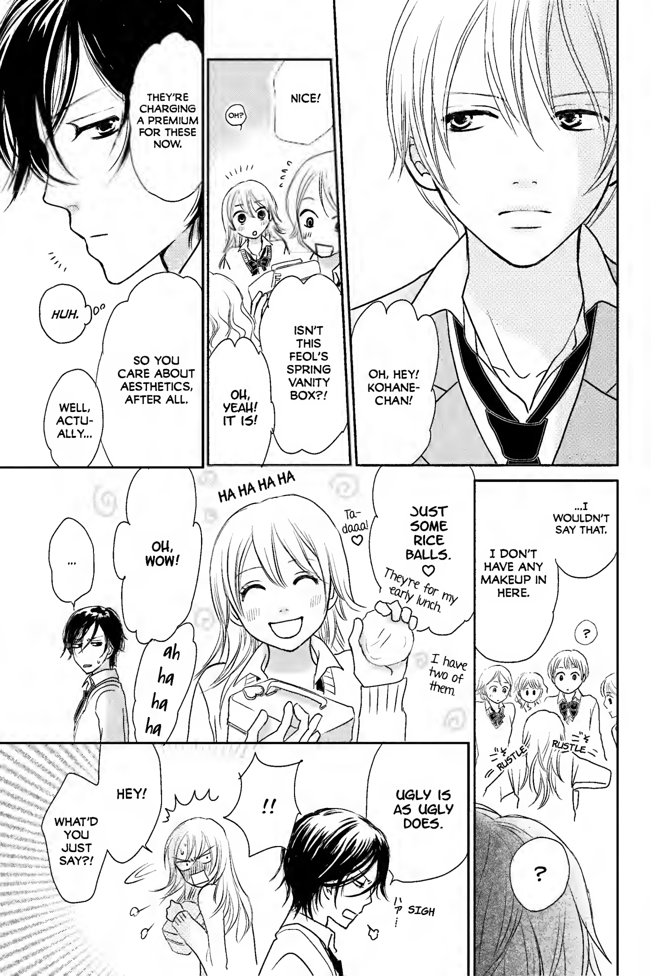

THERE YOU GO.
A-
ARE WE DONE?
STAND UP.
LOOK IN THE MIRROR.
OKAY.
PRETTY GOOD, HUH?
PERFECTO.

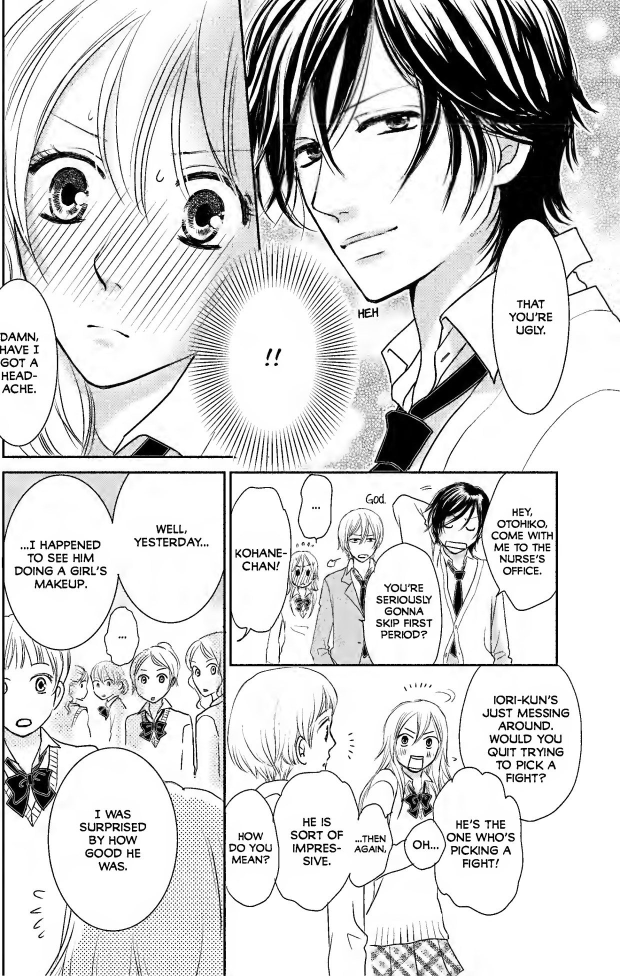

...WHOA.
OH MY GOD!
HOW?! I CAN'T EVEN! I'M ALL SHINY!
WHAT WITCHCRAFT IS THIS?!
STUPID.
IT'S NOT WITCHCRAFT. IT'S MY ART.
My hair's all wavy! I can practically hear it go boing!
GAAAAH!
HURRY UP AND GET A MOVE ON. TAKE YOUR CLOTHES, TOO.
OH, YEAH.

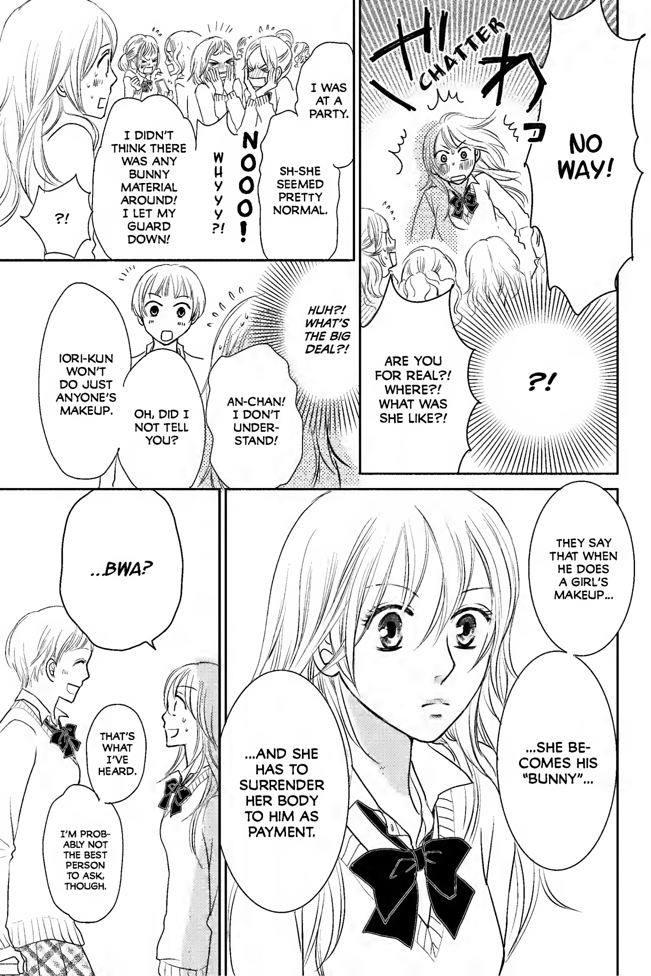

THIS JUST MIGHT DO THE TRICK!
THANK YOU!
THANK HIMIKO-SAN FOR ME, TOO!
YOU HAVE TO PROMISE!
WHATEVER, JUST WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING BEFORE YOU TRIP.
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
EXCUSE ME.
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU AGAIN.
WHAT?
YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT, DO-

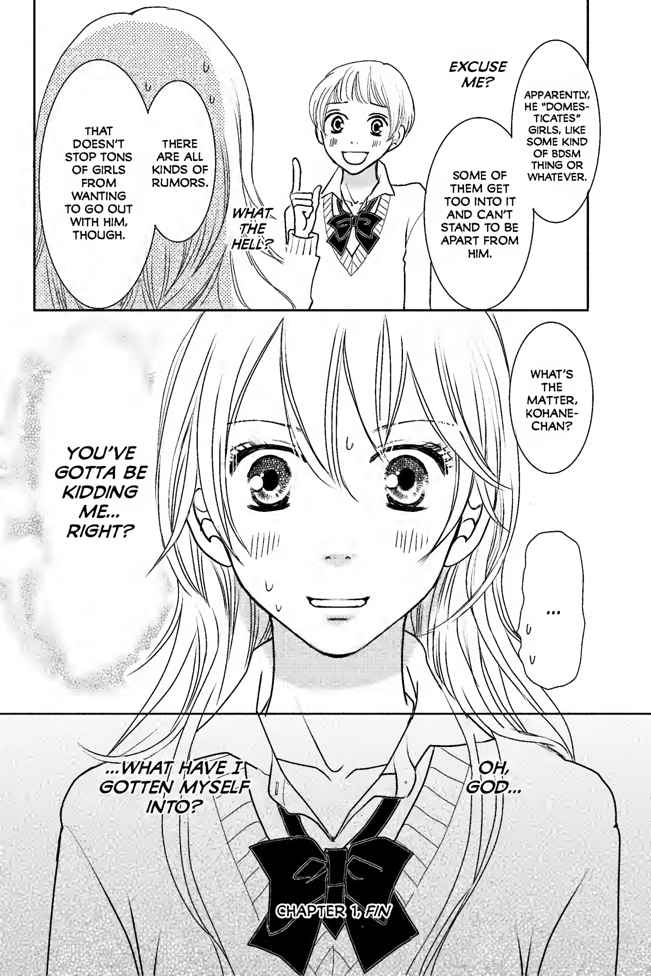

NOW CAN YOU HELP ME AND MY MOM OUT?
...
Y-
YOU'RE...
...THAT GIRL FROM EARLIER...
YEP!
SLUMP
ズルッ
OH!
WHAAAAAAT?!
AFTER THAT...
...MY MOM'S BOSS UNFIRED HER...
...SO THE TWO OF US DIDN'T END UP OUT IN THE COLD.
WHOA!
WHAT HAPPENED, KOHANE-CHAN?!


I THOUGHT I'D LET MY HAIR DOWN FOR A CHANGE.
THE BRAIDS WERE CUTE, BUT THIS IS WAY BETTER! ♡
YOU THINK SO?
IT'S A GOOD LOOK ON YOU.
he he he
OH, GOOD MORNING, IORI-KUN! ♡
OH!
TH-
...
THANKS AGAIN FOR YESTERDAY!
YOU REALLY HELPED ME OUT OF A BIND.
OH.
'KAY.
?
WHAT HAPPENED?
NOTHING.
YOU KNOW.
...
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
NOPE! NOTHING IN PARTICULAR!
YOU KNOW.


OH, HEY! KOHANE-CHAN!
NICE!
OH?
ISN'T THIS FEOL'S SPRING VANITY BOX?!
OH, YEAH! IT IS!
THEY'RE CHARGING A PREMIUM FOR THESE NOW.
HUH.
SO YOU CARE ABOUT AESTHETICS, AFTER ALL.
WELL, ACTUALLY...
...I WOULDN'T SAY THAT.
I DON'T HAVE ANY MAKEUP IN HERE.
?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
HA HA HA HA
JUST SOME RICE BALLS. ♡
Ta-daaa! ♡
They're for my early lunch.
I have two of them.
OH, WOW!
...
ah ha ha ha
?
UGLY IS AS UGLY DOES.
SIGH
!!
HEY!
WHAT'D YOU JUST SAY?!


THAT YOU'RE UGLY.
HEH
!!
DAMN, HAVE I GOT A HEADACHE.
HEY, OTOHIKO, COME WITH ME TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE.
God.
YOU'RE SERIOUSLY GONNA SKIP FIRST PERIOD?
...
KOHANE-CHAN!
IORI-KUN'S JUST MESSING AROUND. WOULD YOU QUIT TRYING TO PICK A FIGHT?
HE'S THE ONE WHO'S PICKING A FIGHT!
OH...
...THEN AGAIN,
HE IS SORT OF IMPRESSIVE.
HOW DO YOU MEAN?
WELL, YESTERDAY...
...I HAPPENED TO SEE HIM DOING A GIRL'S MAKEUP.
...
I WAS SURPRISED BY HOW GOOD HE WAS.


CHATTER
NO WAY!
?!
ARE YOU FOR REAL?! WHERE?! WHAT WAS SHE LIKE?!
I WAS AT A PARTY.
SH-SHE SEEMED PRETTY NORMAL.
NOOO!
WHYYYY?!
I DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS ANY BUNNY MATERIAL AROUND! I LET MY GUARD DOWN!
?!
HUH?! WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?!
AN-CHAN! I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
OH, DID I NOT TELL YOU?
IORI-KUN WON'T DO JUST ANYONE'S MAKEUP.
THEY SAY THAT WHEN HE DOES A GIRL'S MAKEUP...
...SHE BECOMES HIS "BUNNY"...
...AND SHE HAS TO SURRENDER HER BODY TO HIM AS PAYMENT.
...BWA?
THAT'S WHAT I'VE HEARD.
I'M PROBABLY NOT THE BEST PERSON TO ASK, THOUGH.


APPARENTLY, HE "DOMESTICATES" GIRLS, LIKE SOME KIND OF BDSM THING OR WHATEVER.
EXCUSE ME?
SOME OF THEM GET TOO INTO IT AND CAN'T STAND TO BE APART FROM HIM.
WHAT THE HELL?
THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF RUMORS.
THAT DOESN'T STOP TONS OF GIRLS FROM WANTING TO GO OUT WITH HIM, THOUGH.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, KOHANE-CHAN?
...
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME... RIGHT?
OH, GOD...
...WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO?
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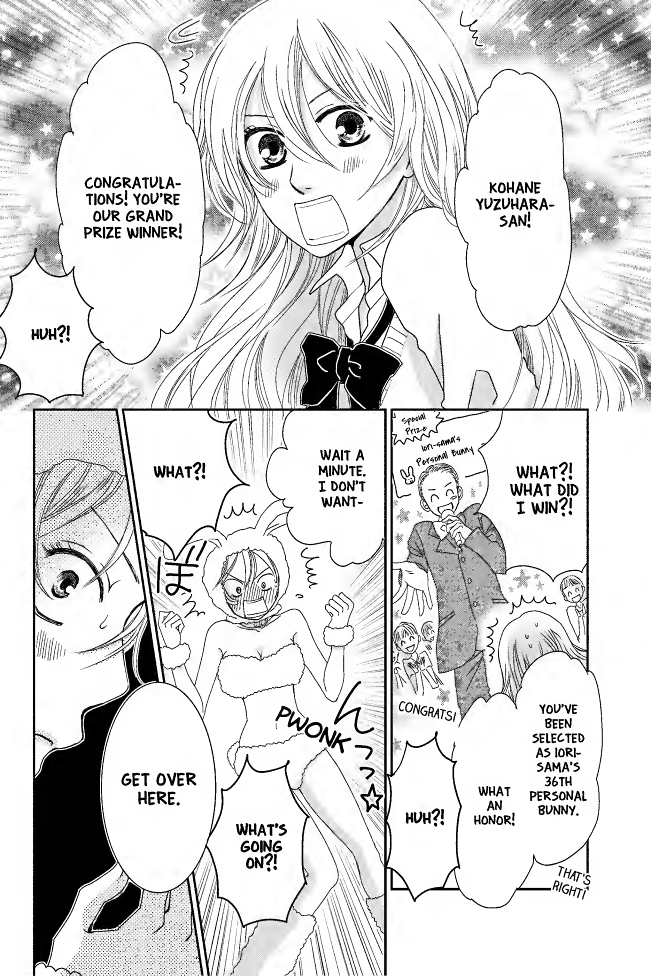
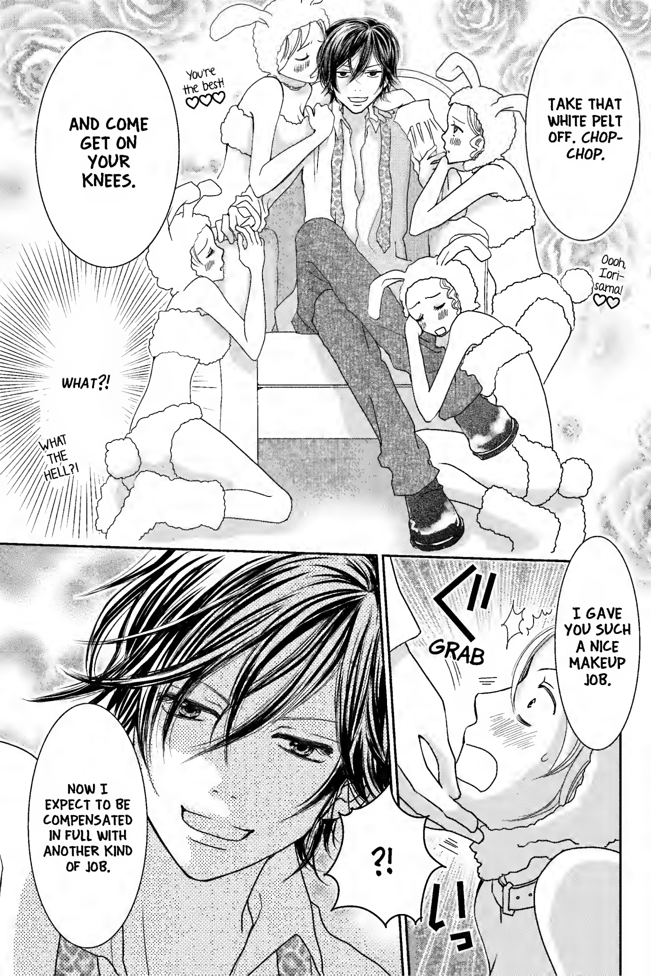
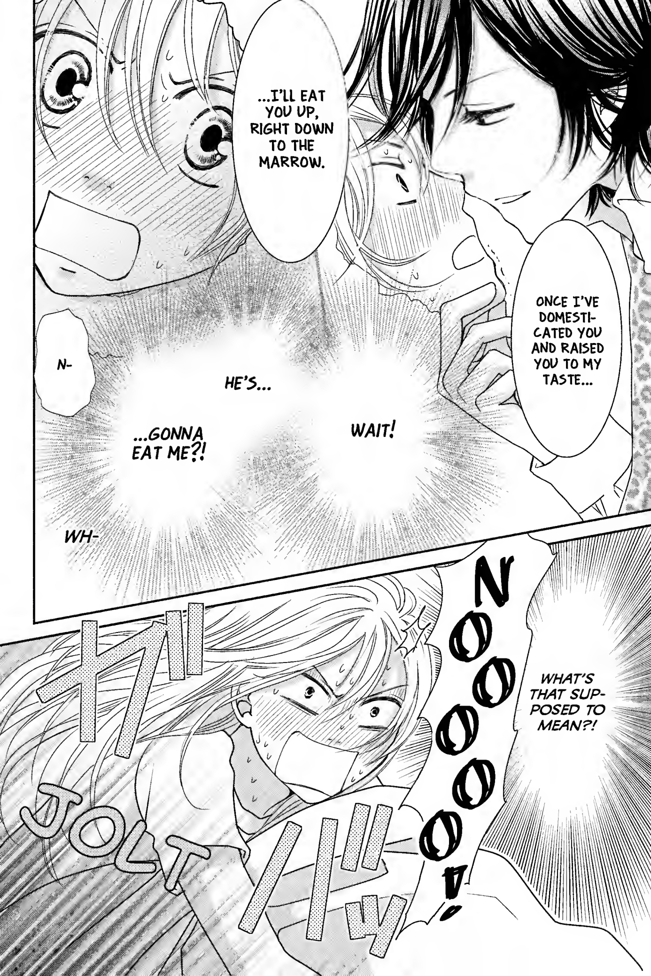
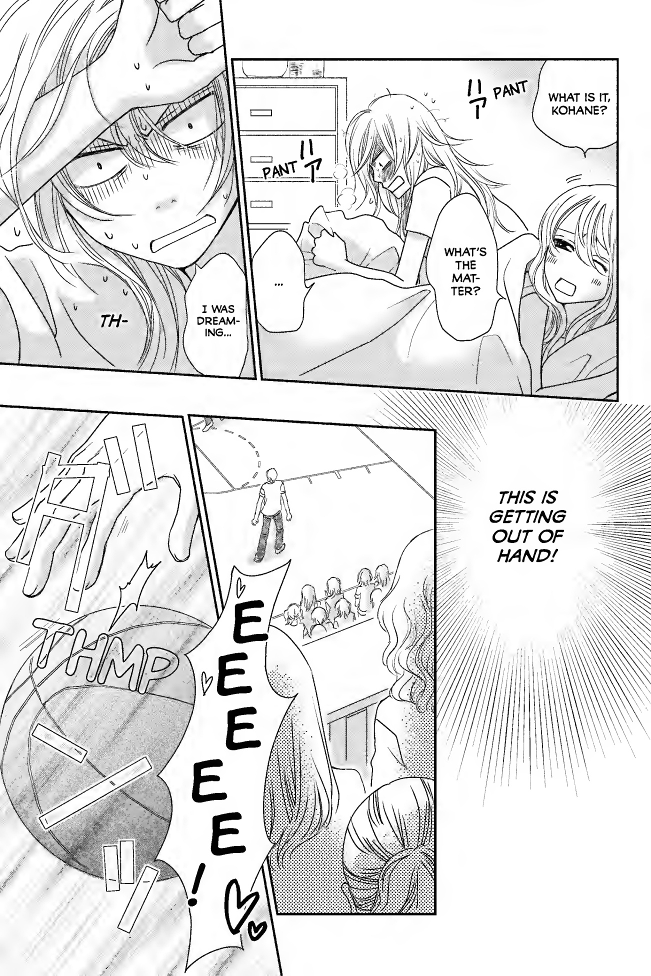
Don’t Call Me Your Bunny

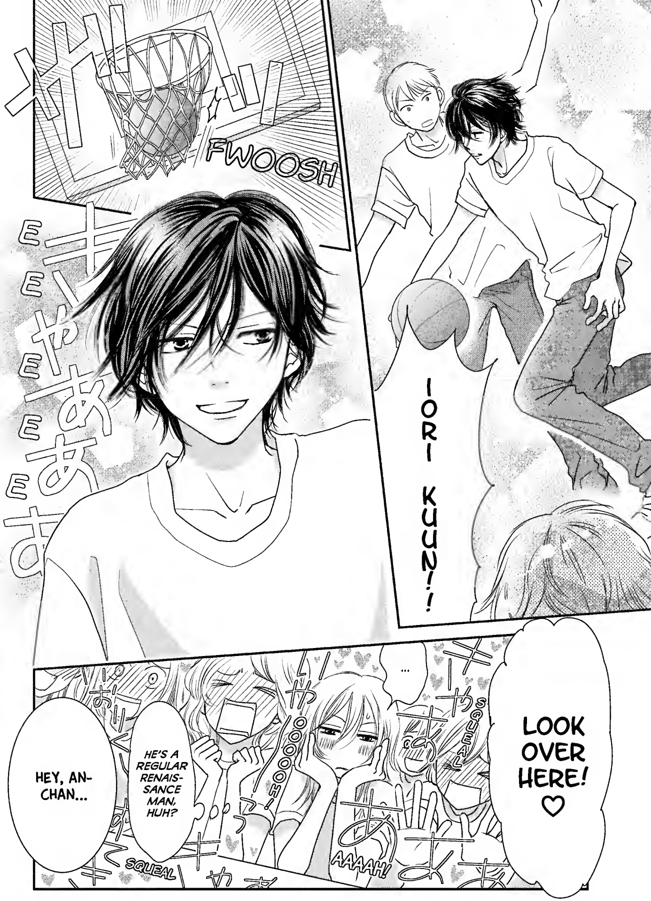
Beauty Bunny

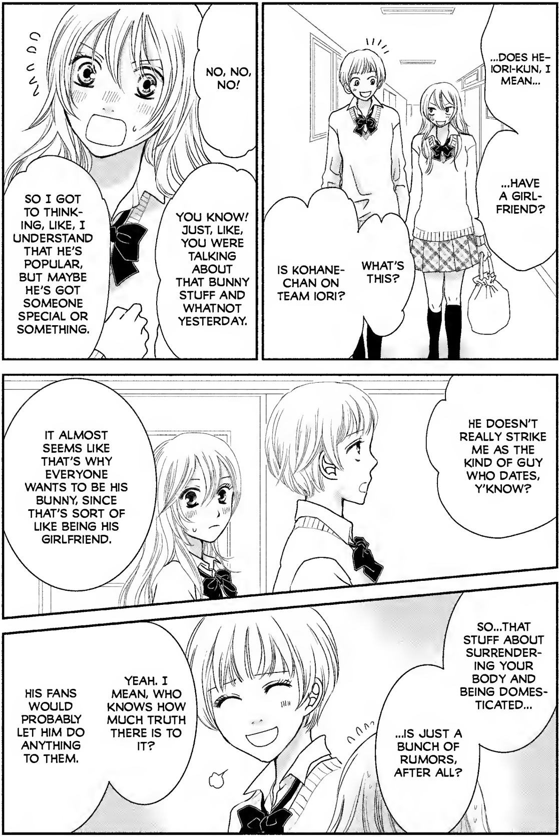

KOHANE YUZUHARA-SAN!
CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'RE OUR GRAND PRIZE WINNER!
HUH?!
Special Prize
Iori-sama's Personal Bunny
WHAT?! WHAT DID I WIN?!
CONGRATS!
YOU'VE BEEN SELECTED AS IORI-SAMA'S 36TH PERSONAL BUNNY.
WHAT AN HONOR!
THAT'S RIGHT!
HUH?!
WAIT A MINUTE. I DON'T WANT-
WHAT?!
ぼ
PWONK
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
GET OVER HERE.

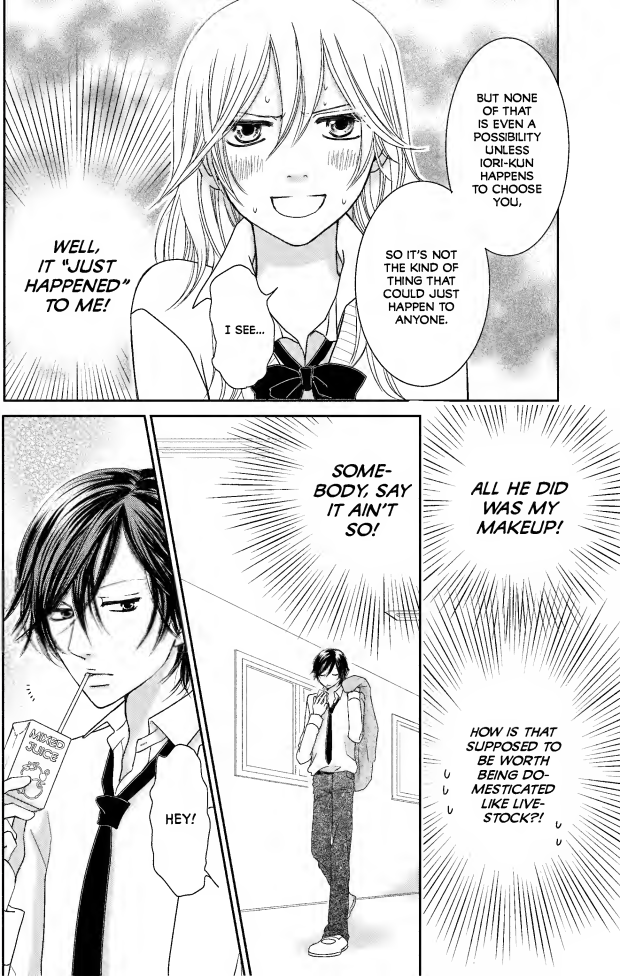

TAKE THAT WHITE PELT OFF. CHOP-CHOP.
Oooh, Iori-sama! ♡♡
You're the best! ♡♡♡
AND COME GET ON YOUR KNEES.
WHAT?!
WHAT THE HELL?!
I GAVE YOU SUCH A NICE MAKEUP JOB.
GRAB
?!
NOW I EXPECT TO BE COMPENSATED IN FULL WITH ANOTHER KIND OF JOB.

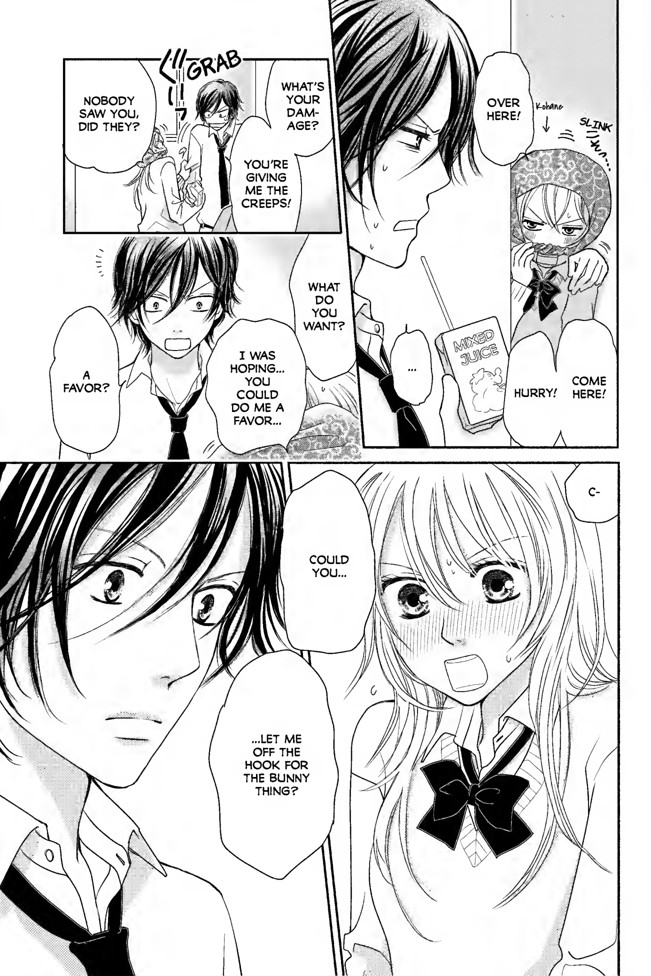

ONCE I'VE DOMESTICATED YOU AND RAISED YOU TO MY TASTE...
...I'LL EAT YOU UP, RIGHT DOWN TO THE MARROW.
WAIT!
HE'S...
...GONNA EAT ME?!
N-
WH-
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
NOOOOOOOO!
JOLT

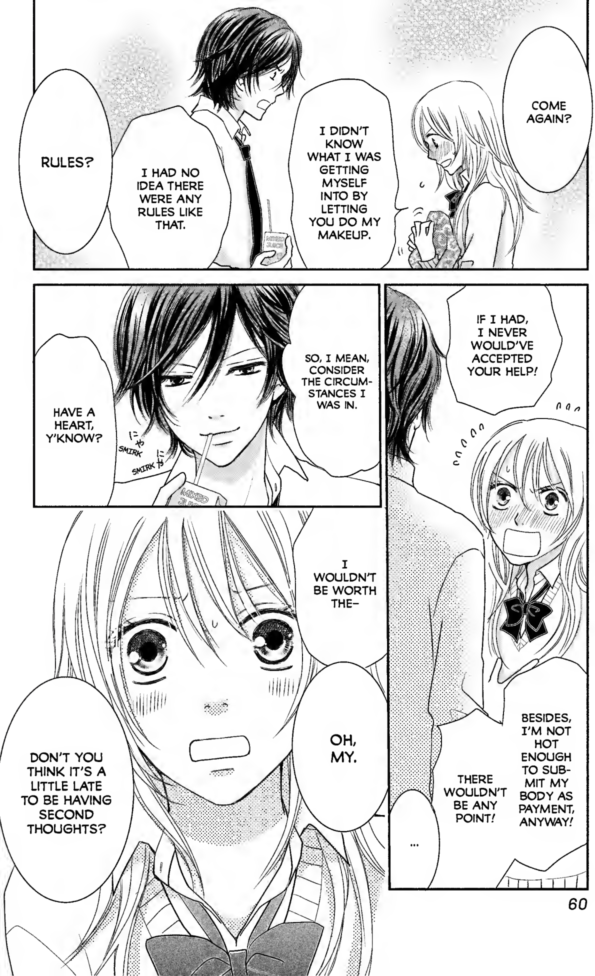

WHAT IS IT, KOHANE?
ハァ PANT
PANT ハァ
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
...
I WAS DREAMING...
TH-
THIS IS GETTING OUT OF HAND!
EEEEEE!
THMP

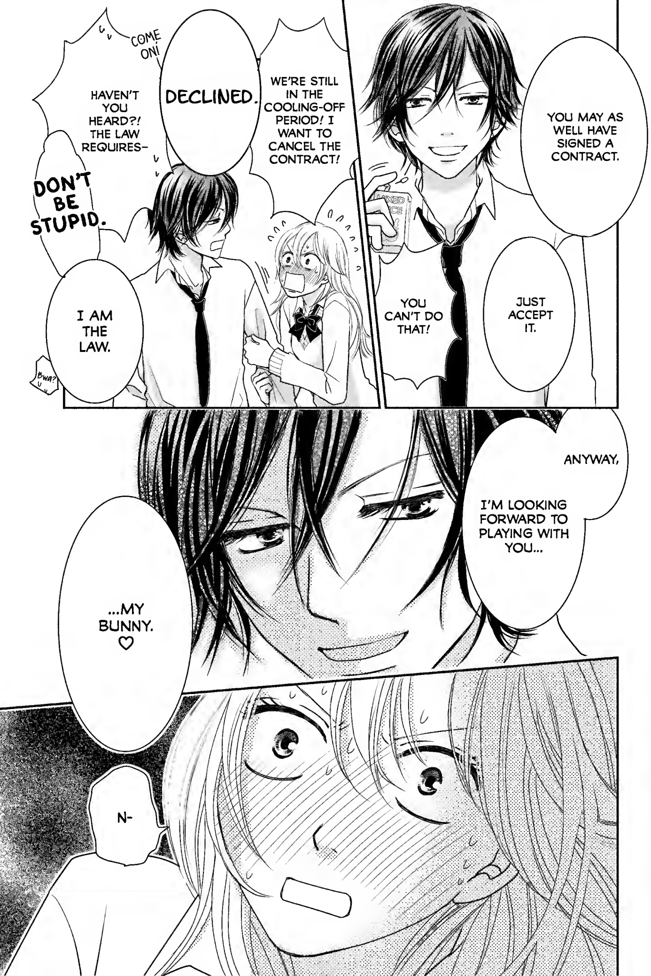

IORI KUUN!!
FWOOSH
EEEEEE
LOOK OVER HERE! ♡
...
SQUEAL
HOOOOOH!
AAAAH!
HE'S A REGULAR RENAISSANCE MAN, HUH?
HEY, AN-CHAN...
SQUEAL

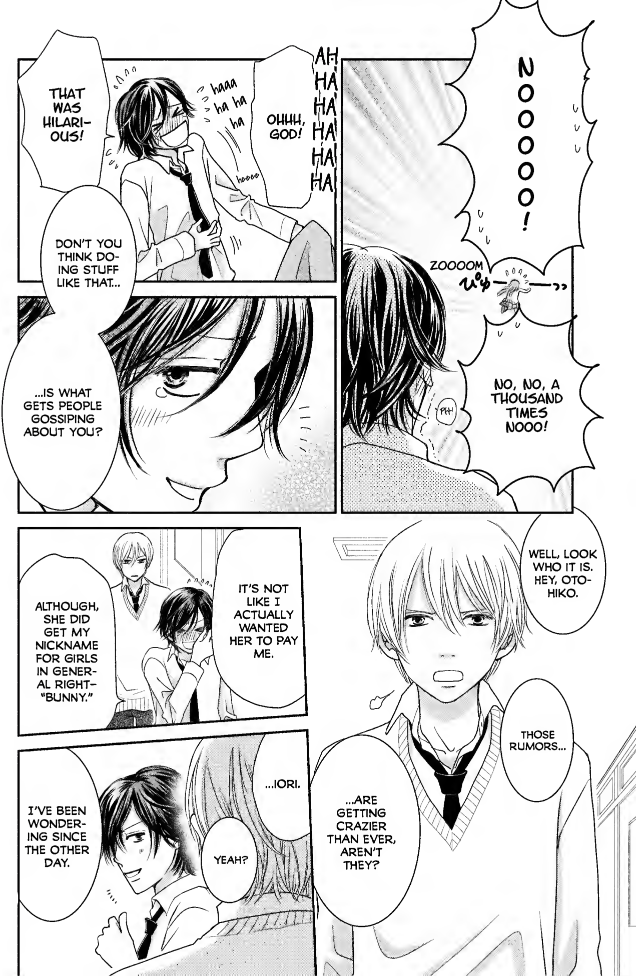

...DOES HE– IORI-KUN, I MEAN...
...HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?
WHAT'S THIS?
IS KOHANE-CHAN ON TEAM IORI?
NO, NO, NO!
YOU KNOW! JUST, LIKE, YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THAT BUNNY STUFF AND WHATNOT YESTERDAY.
SO I GOT TO THINKING, LIKE, I UNDERSTAND THAT HE'S POPULAR, BUT MAYBE HE'S GOT SOMEONE SPECIAL OR SOMETHING.
HE DOESN'T REALLY STRIKE ME AS THE KIND OF GUY WHO DATES, Y'KNOW?
IT ALMOST SEEMS LIKE THAT'S WHY EVERYONE WANTS TO BE HIS BUNNY, SINCE THAT'S SORT OF LIKE BEING HIS GIRLFRIEND.
SO...THAT STUFF ABOUT SURRENDERING YOUR BODY AND BEING DOMESTICATED...
...IS JUST A BUNCH OF RUMORS, AFTER ALL?
YEAH. I MEAN, WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH TRUTH THERE IS TO IT?
HIS FANS WOULD PROBABLY LET HIM DO ANYTHING TO THEM.

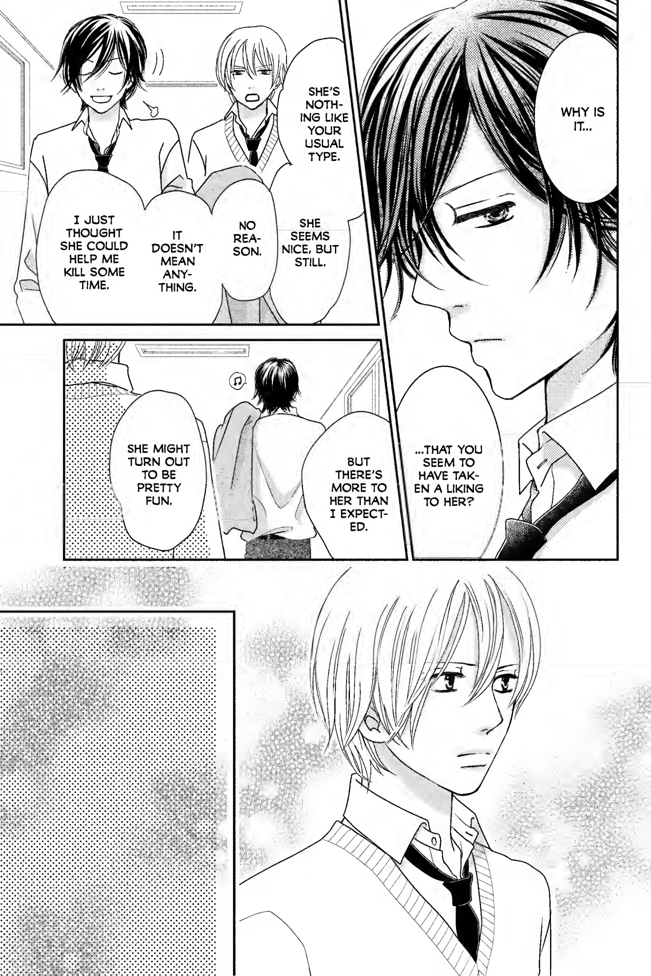

BUT NONE OF THAT IS EVEN A POSSIBILITY UNLESS IORI-KUN HAPPENS TO CHOOSE YOU,
SO IT'S NOT THE KIND OF THING THAT COULD JUST HAPPEN TO ANYONE.
I SEE...
WELL, IT "JUST HAPPENED" TO ME!
ALL HE DID WAS MY MAKEUP!
HOW IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE WORTH BEING DOMESTICATED LIKE LIVESTOCK?!
SOMEBODY, SAY IT AIN'T SO!
MIXED JUICE
HEY!

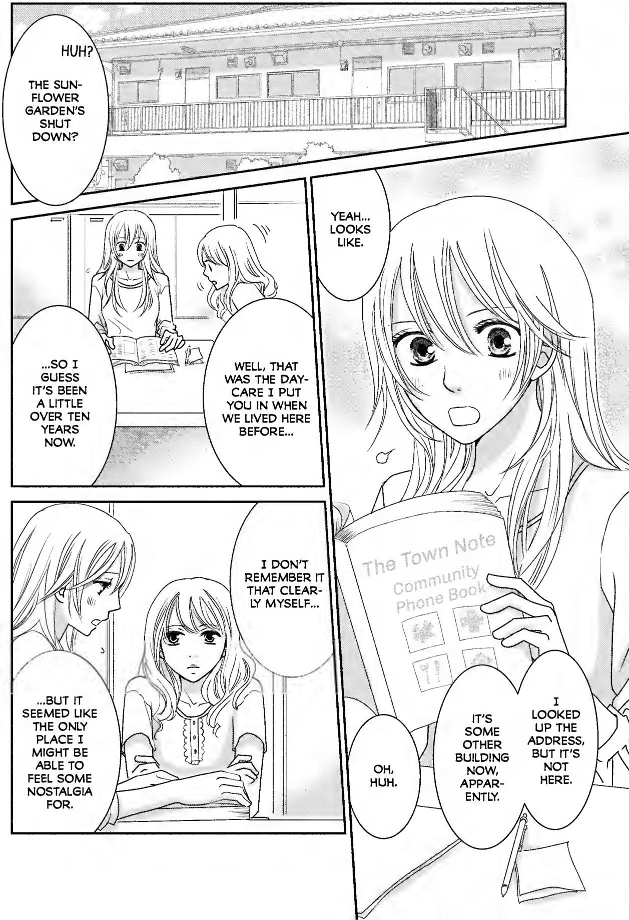

OVER HERE!
Kohane ↓
SLINK
COME HERE!
HURRY!
...
GRAB
WHAT'S YOUR DAMAGE?
YOU'RE GIVING ME THE CREEPS!
NOBODY SAW YOU, DID THEY?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I WAS HOPING... YOU COULD DO ME A FAVOR...
A FAVOR?
C-
COULD YOU...
...LET ME OFF THE HOOK FOR THE BUNNY THING?
MIXED JUICE

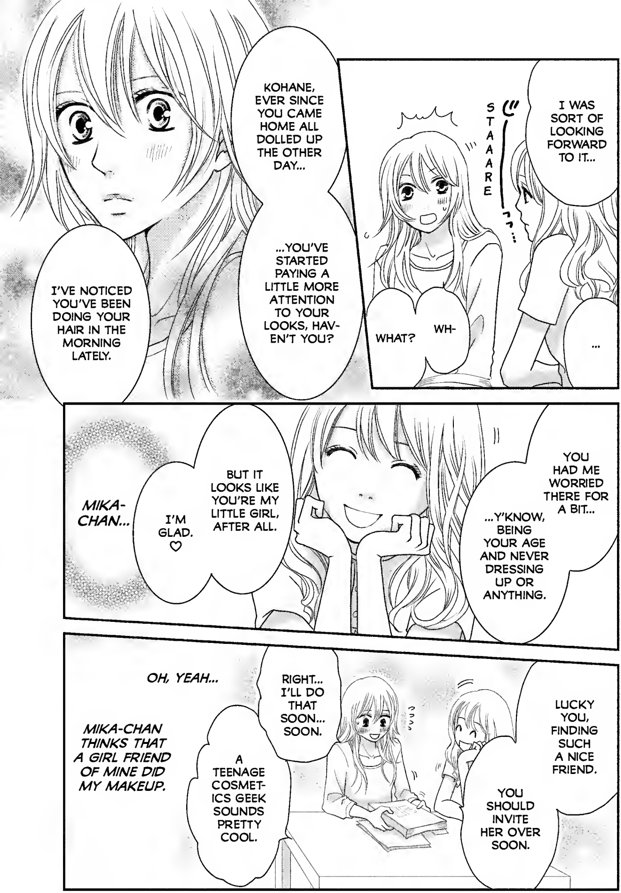

COME AGAIN?
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS GETTING MYSELF INTO BY LETTING YOU DO MY MAKEUP.
MIXED JUICE
I HAD NO IDEA THERE WERE ANY RULES LIKE THAT.
RULES?
IF I HAD, I NEVER WOULD'VE ACCEPTED YOUR HELP!
BESIDES, I'M NOT HOT ENOUGH TO SUBMIT MY BODY AS PAYMENT, ANYWAY!
THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY POINT!
...
SO, I MEAN, CONSIDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES I WAS IN.
にや SMIRK
にや SMIRK
MIXED JUICE
HAVE A HEART, Y'KNOW?
I WOULDN'T BE WORTH THE–
OH, MY.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A LITTLE LATE TO BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS?

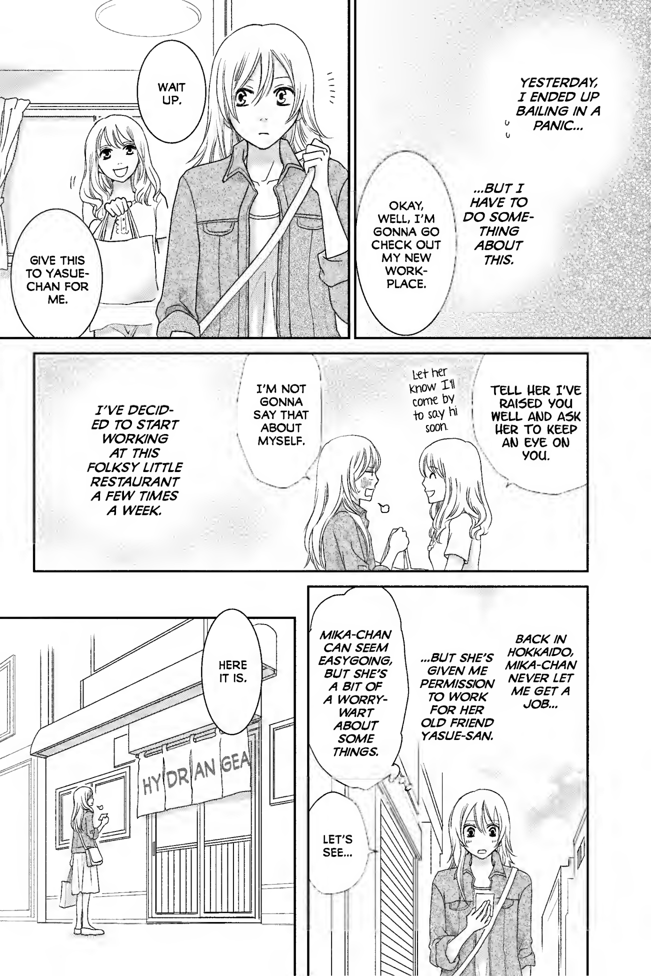

YOU MAY AS WELL HAVE SIGNED A CONTRACT.
JUST ACCEPT IT.
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
WE'RE STILL IN THE COOLING-OFF PERIOD! I WANT TO CANCEL THE CONTRACT!
DECLINED.
COME ON!
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?! THE LAW REQUIRES–
DON'T BE STUPID.
I AM THE LAW.
Bwa?
ANYWAY,
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO PLAYING WITH YOU...
...MY BUNNY. ♡
N-

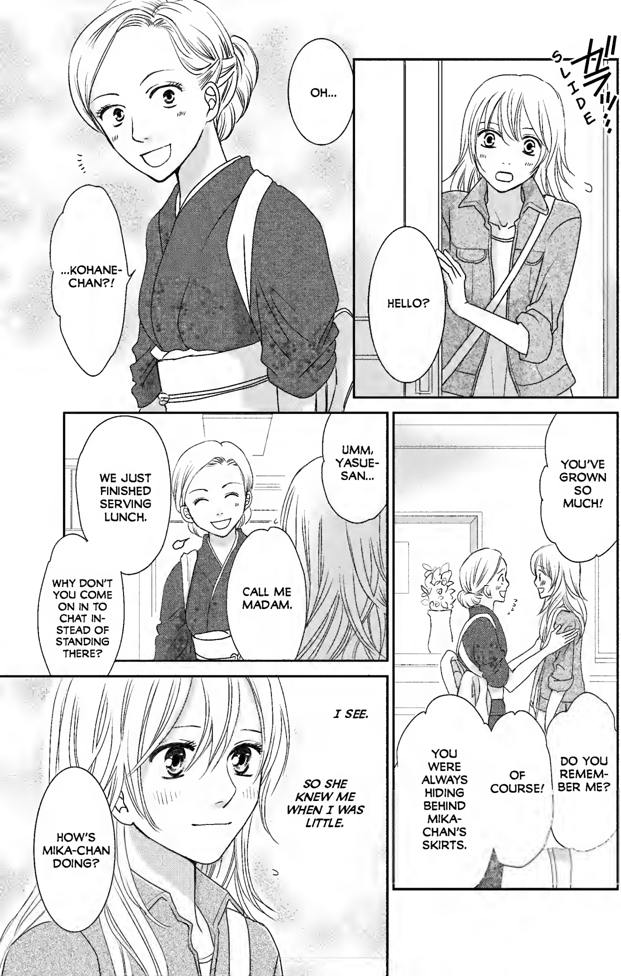

NOOOOOOO!
ZOOOOM
ぴゅ
NO, NO, A THOUSAND TIMES NOOO!
PFF
AH HA HA HA HA HA
OHHH, GOD!
haaa ha ha ha
heeee
THAT WAS HILARIOUS!
DON'T YOU THINK DOING STUFF LIKE THAT...
...IS WHAT GETS PEOPLE GOSSIPING ABOUT YOU?
WELL, LOOK WHO IT IS. HEY, OTOHIKO.
THOSE RUMORS...
...ARE GETTING CRAZIER THAN EVER, AREN'T THEY?
IT'S NOT LIKE I ACTUALLY WANTED HER TO PAY ME.
ALTHOUGH, SHE DID GET MY NICKNAME FOR GIRLS IN GENERAL RIGHT—"BUNNY."
...IORI.
YEAH?
I'VE BEEN WONDERING SINCE THE OTHER DAY.

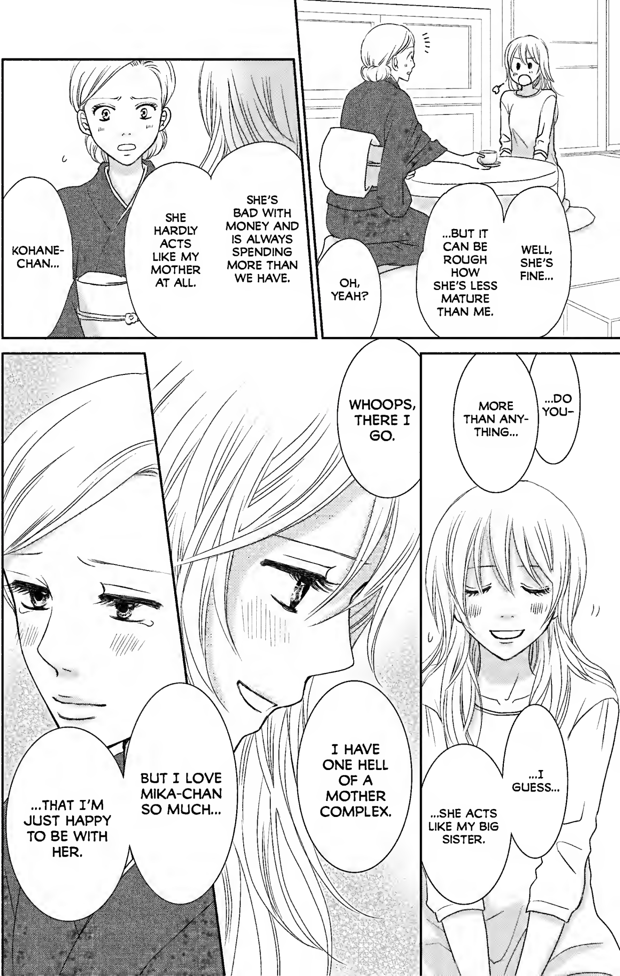

SHE'S NOTHING LIKE YOUR USUAL TYPE.
SHE SEEMS NICE, BUT STILL.
NO REASON.
IT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING.
I JUST THOUGHT SHE COULD HELP ME KILL SOME TIME.
♫
BUT THERE'S MORE TO HER THAN I EXPECTED.
SHE MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE PRETTY FUN.
WHY IS IT...
...THAT YOU SEEM TO HAVE TAKEN A LIKING TO HER?

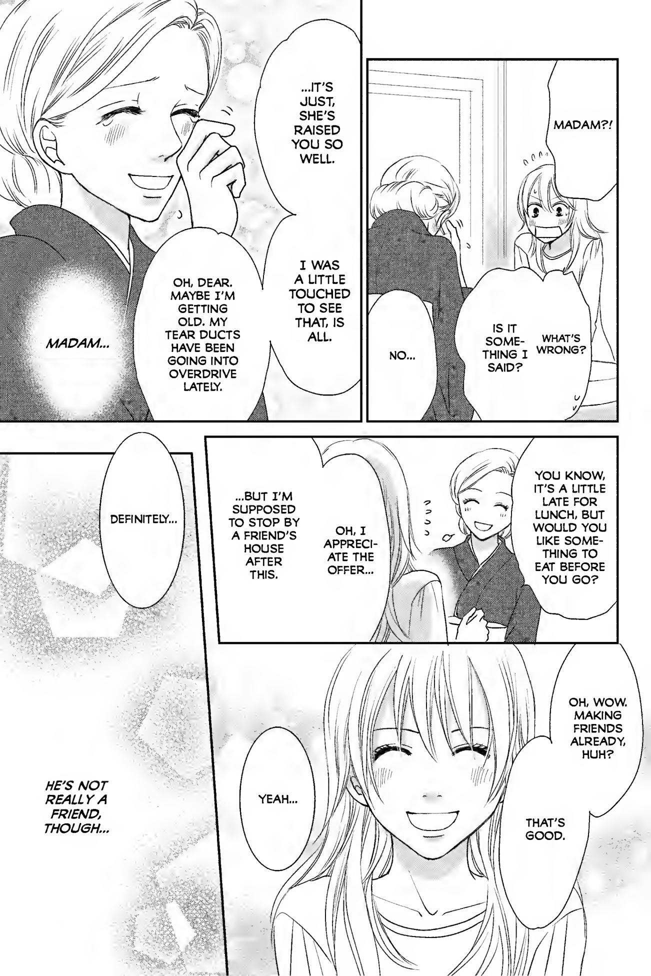

HUH?
THE SUNFLOWER GARDEN'S SHUT DOWN?
YEAH... LOOKS LIKE.
The Town Note
Community Phone Book
I LOOKED UP THE ADDRESS, BUT IT'S NOT HERE.
IT'S SOME OTHER BUILDING NOW, APPARENTLY.
OH, HUH.
WELL, THAT WAS THE DAYCARE I PUT YOU IN WHEN WE LIVED HERE BEFORE...
...SO I GUESS IT'S BEEN A LITTLE OVER TEN YEARS NOW.
I DON'T REMEMBER IT THAT CLEARLY MYSELF...
...BUT IT SEEMED LIKE THE ONLY PLACE I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FEEL SOME NOSTALGIA FOR.

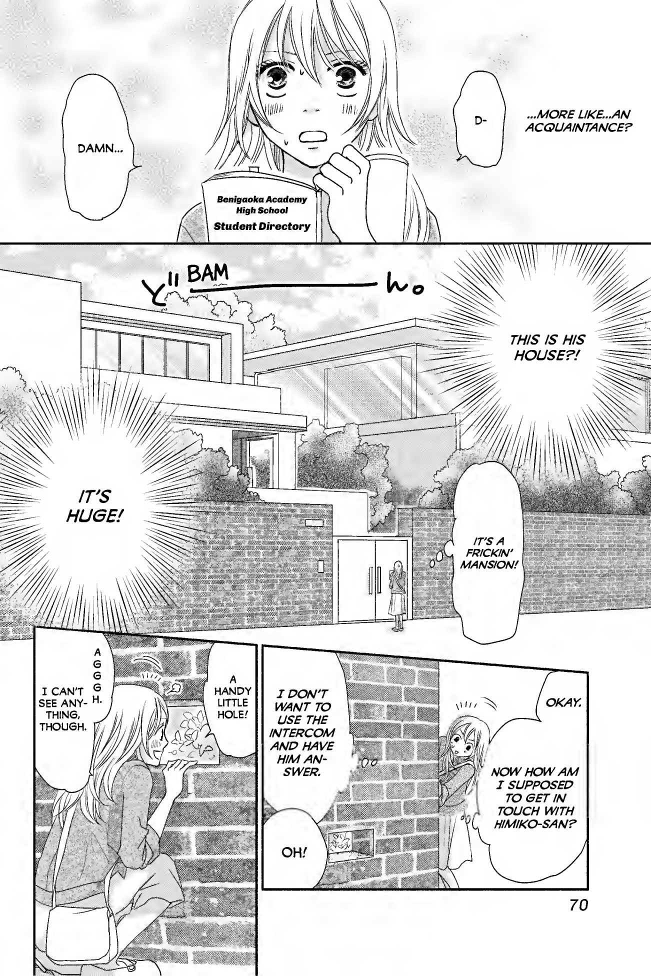

I WAS SORT OF LOOKING FORWARD TO IT...
STAARE
...
WH- WHAT?
KOHANE, EVER SINCE YOU CAME HOME ALL DOLLED UP THE OTHER DAY...
...YOU'VE STARTED PAYING A LITTLE MORE ATTENTION TO YOUR LOOKS, HAVEN'T YOU?
I'VE NOTICED YOU'VE BEEN DOING YOUR HAIR IN THE MORNING LATELY.
YOU HAD ME WORRIED THERE FOR A BIT...
...Y'KNOW, BEING YOUR AGE AND NEVER DRESSING UP OR ANYTHING.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE MY LITTLE GIRL, AFTER ALL.
I'M GLAD. ♡
MIKA-CHAN...
LUCKY YOU, FINDING SUCH A NICE FRIEND.
YOU SHOULD INVITE HER OVER SOON.
RIGHT... I'LL DO THAT SOON... SOON.
A TEENAGE COSMETICS GEEK SOUNDS PRETTY COOL.
OH, YEAH...
MIKA-CHAN THINKS THAT A GIRL FRIEND OF MINE DID MY MAKEUP.

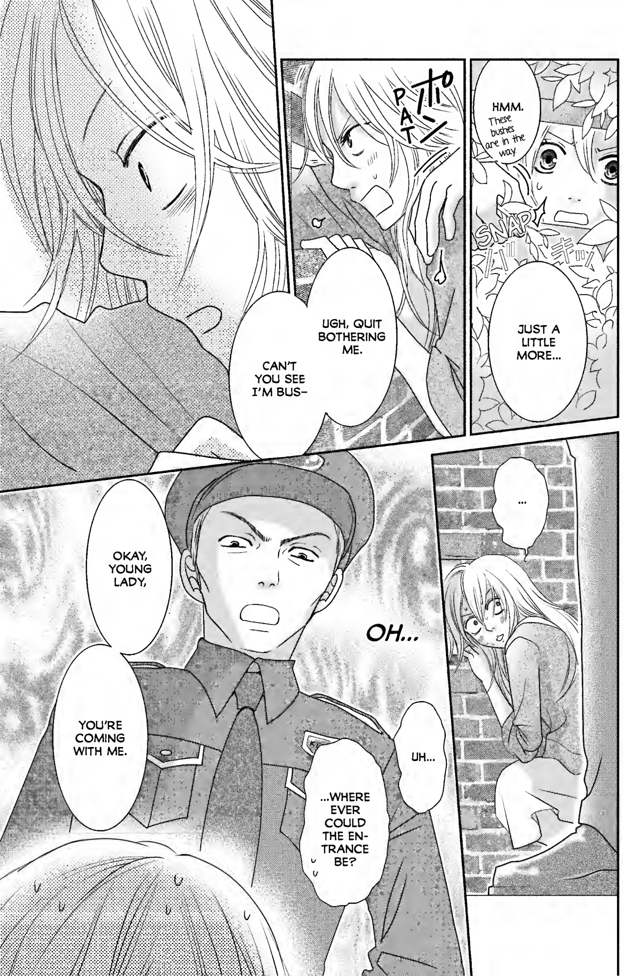

YESTERDAY, I ENDED UP BAILING IN A PANIC...
...BUT I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.
OKAY, WELL, I'M GONNA GO CHECK OUT MY NEW WORKPLACE.
WAIT UP.
GIVE THIS TO YASUE-CHAN FOR ME.
TELL HER I'VE RAISED YOU WELL AND ASK HER TO KEEP AN EYE ON YOU.
Let her know I'll come by to say hi soon.
I'M NOT GONNA SAY THAT ABOUT MYSELF.
I'VE DECIDED TO START WORKING AT THIS FOLKSY LITTLE RESTAURANT A FEW TIMES A WEEK.
BACK IN HOKKAIDO, MIKA-CHAN NEVER LET ME GET A JOB...
...BUT SHE'S GIVEN ME PERMISSION TO WORK FOR HER OLD FRIEND YASUE-SAN.
MIKA-CHAN CAN SEEM EASYGOING, BUT SHE'S A BIT OF A WORRYWART ABOUT SOME THINGS.
LET'S SEE...
HERE IT IS.
HYDRANGEA

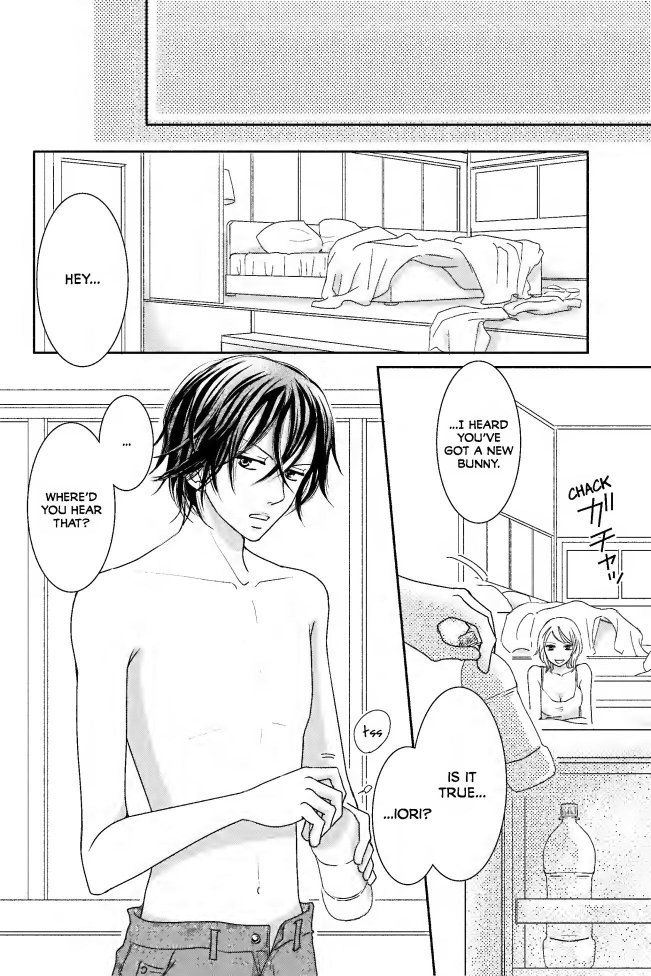

SLIDE
HELLO?
OH...
...KOHANE-CHAN?!
YOU'VE GROWN SO MUCH!
DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
OF COURSE!
YOU WERE ALWAYS HIDING BEHIND MIKA-CHAN'S SKIRTS.
UMM, YASUE-SAN...
CALL ME MADAM.
WE JUST FINISHED SERVING LUNCH.
WHY DON'T YOU COME ON IN TO CHAT INSTEAD OF STANDING THERE?
I SEE.
SO SHE KNEW ME WHEN I WAS LITTLE.
HOW'S MIKA-CHAN DOING?

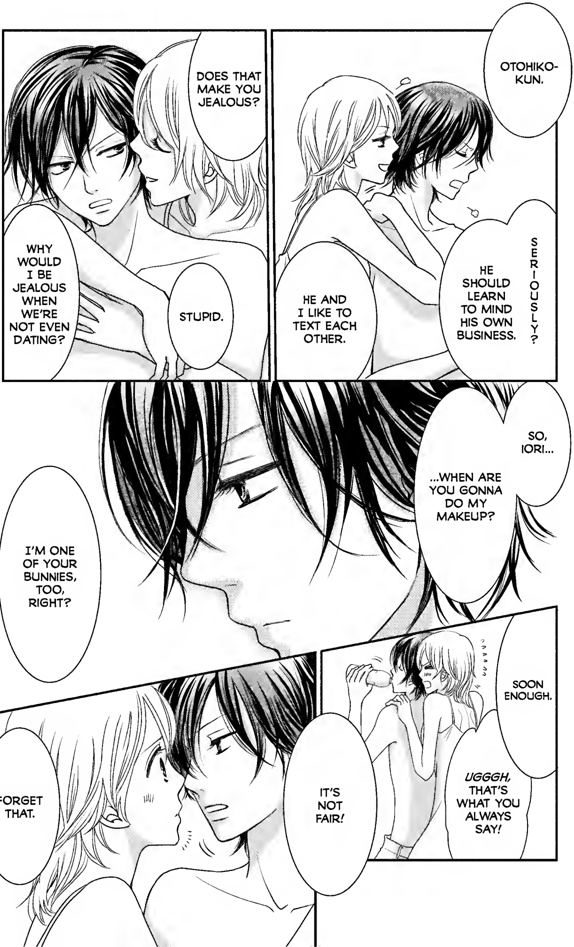

WELL, SHE'S FINE...
...BUT IT CAN BE ROUGH HOW SHE'S LESS MATURE THAN ME.
OH, YEAH?
SHE'S BAD WITH MONEY AND IS ALWAYS SPENDING MORE THAN WE HAVE.
SHE HARDLY ACTS LIKE MY MOTHER AT ALL.
KOHANE-CHAN...
...DO YOU-
MORE THAN ANYTHING...
...I GUESS...
...SHE ACTS LIKE MY BIG SISTER.
WHOOPS, THERE I GO.
I HAVE ONE HELL OF A MOTHER COMPLEX.
BUT I LOVE MIKA-CHAN SO MUCH...
...THAT I'M JUST HAPPY TO BE WITH HER.

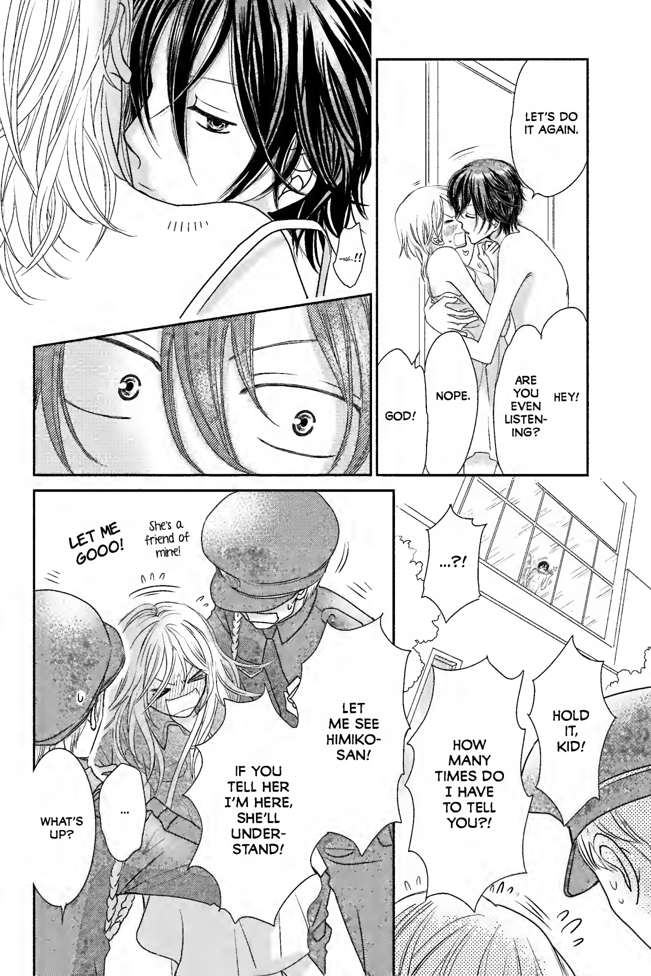

MADAM?!
WHAT'S WRONG?
IS IT SOMETHING I SAID?
NO...
...IT'S JUST, SHE'S RAISED YOU SO WELL.
I WAS A LITTLE TOUCHED TO SEE THAT, IS ALL.
OH, DEAR. MAYBE I'M GETTING OLD. MY TEAR DUCTS HAVE BEEN GOING INTO OVERDRIVE LATELY.
MADAM...
YOU KNOW, IT'S A LITTLE LATE FOR LUNCH, BUT WOULD YOU LIKE SOMETHING TO EAT BEFORE YOU GO?
OH, I APPRECIATE THE OFFER...
...BUT I'M SUPPOSED TO STOP BY A FRIEND'S HOUSE AFTER THIS.
OH, WOW. MAKING FRIENDS ALREADY, HUH?
THAT'S GOOD.
YEAH...
DEFINITELY...
HE'S NOT REALLY A FRIEND, THOUGH...

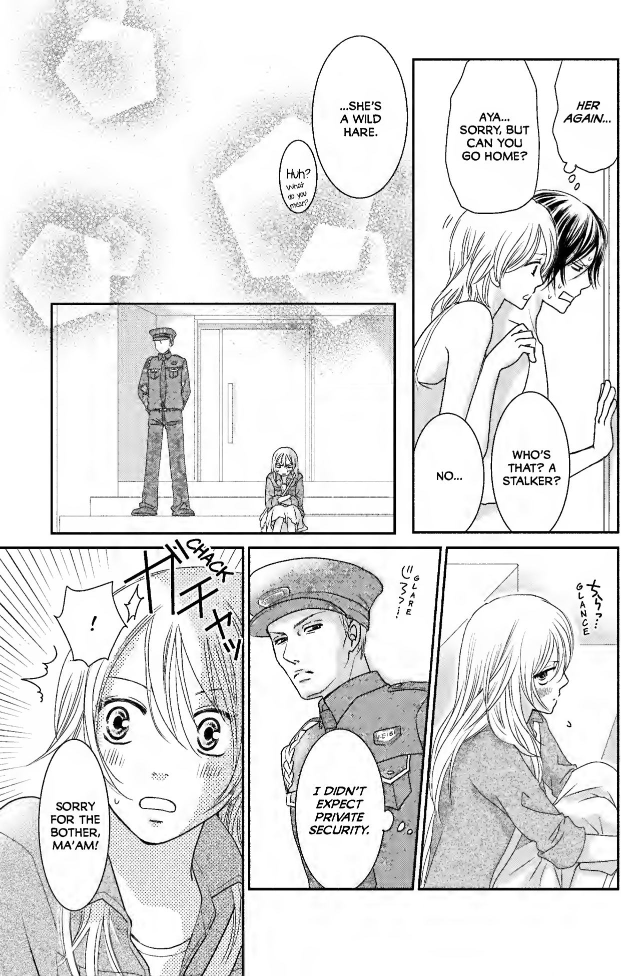

...MORE LIKE...AN ACQUAINTANCE?
D-
DAMN...
Benigaoka Academy High School
Student Directory
BAM
THIS IS HIS HOUSE?!
IT'S HUGE!
IT'S A FRICKIN' MANSION!
OKAY.
NOW HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIMIKO-SAN?
I DON'T WANT TO USE THE INTERCOM AND HAVE HIM ANSWER.
OH!
A HANDY LITTLE HOLE!
AGGGH.
I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING, THOUGH.

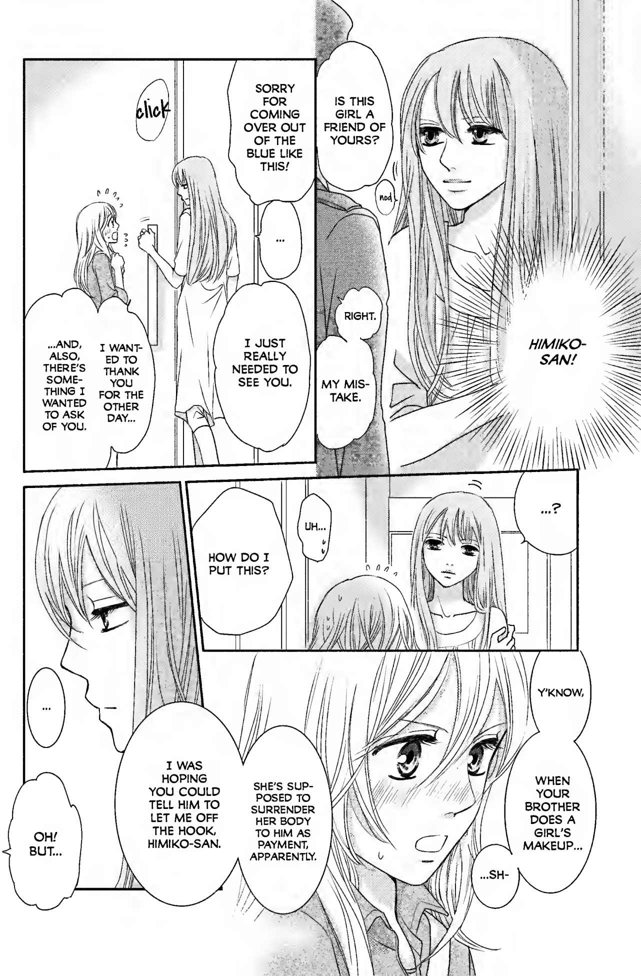

HMM.
These bushes are in the way
SNAP
JUST A LITTLE MORE...
PAT
UGH, QUIT BOTHERING ME.
CAN'T YOU SEE I'M BUS–
...
OH...
OKAY, YOUNG LADY,
YOU'RE COMING WITH ME.
UH...
...WHERE EVER COULD THE ENTRANCE BE?

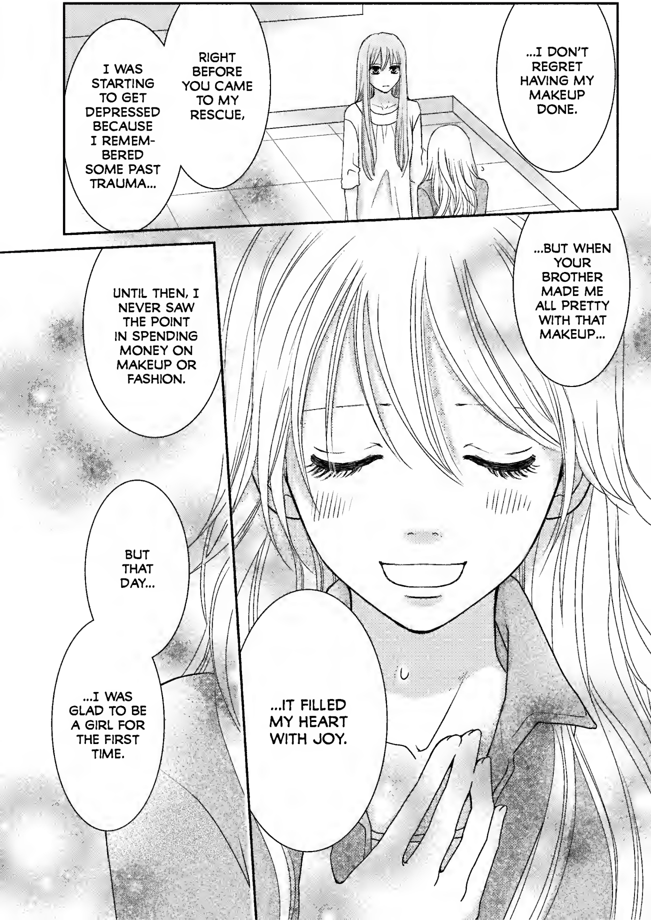

HEY...
...I HEARD YOU'VE GOT A NEW BUNNY.
CHACK
ガチャッ
IS IT TRUE...
...IORI?
tss
...
WHERE'D YOU HEAR THAT?

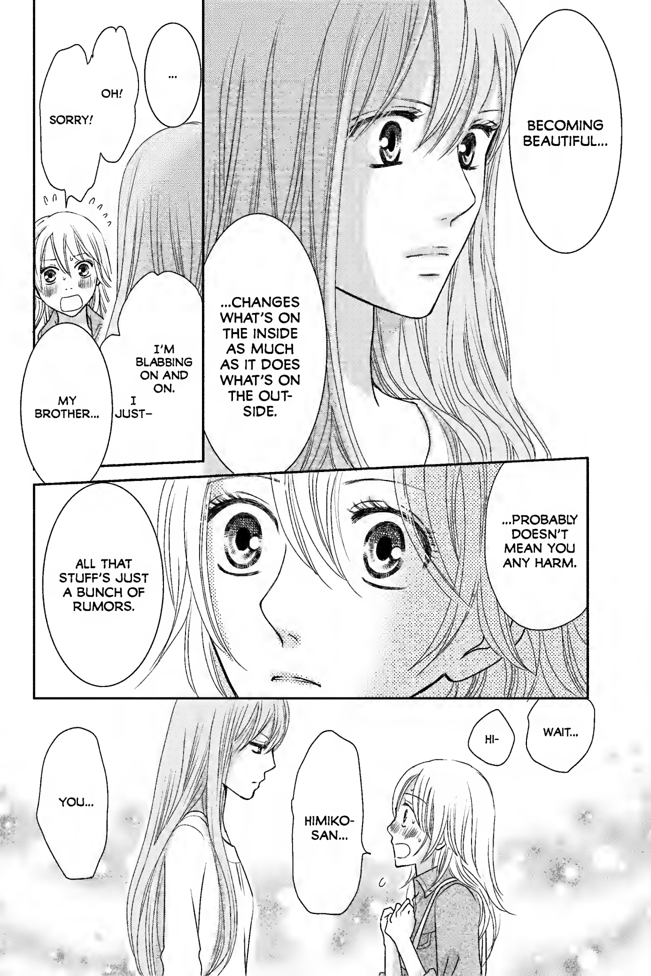

OTOHIKO-KUN.
HE SHOULD LEARN TO MIND HIS OWN BUSINESS.
SERIOUSLY?
HE AND I LIKE TO TEXT EACH OTHER.
DOES THAT MAKE YOU JEALOUS?
WHY WOULD I BE JEALOUS WHEN WE'RE NOT EVEN DATING?
STUPID.
SO, IORI...
...WHEN ARE YOU GONNA DO MY MAKEUP?
I'M ONE OF YOUR BUNNIES, TOO, RIGHT?
SOON ENOUGH.
UGGGH, THAT'S WHAT YOU ALWAYS SAY*!*
IT'S NOT FAIR*!*
FORGET THAT.

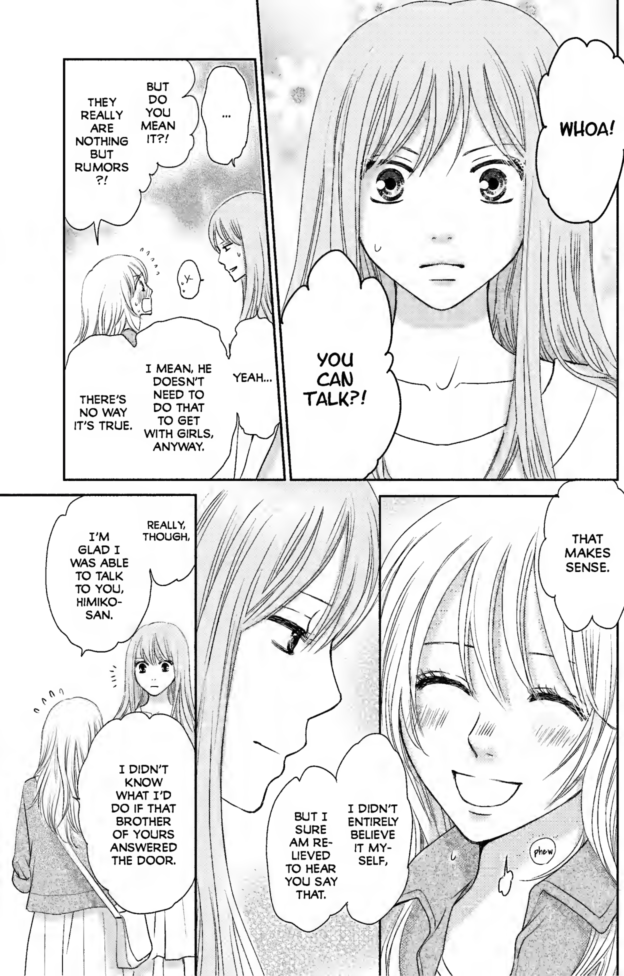

LET'S DO IT AGAIN.
HEY!
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING?
NOPE.
GOD!
aahh!!
...?!
HOLD IT, KID!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?!
LET ME SEE HIMIKO-SAN!
IF YOU TELL HER I'M HERE, SHE'LL UNDERSTAND!
She's a friend of mine!
LET ME GOOO!
...
WHAT'S UP?

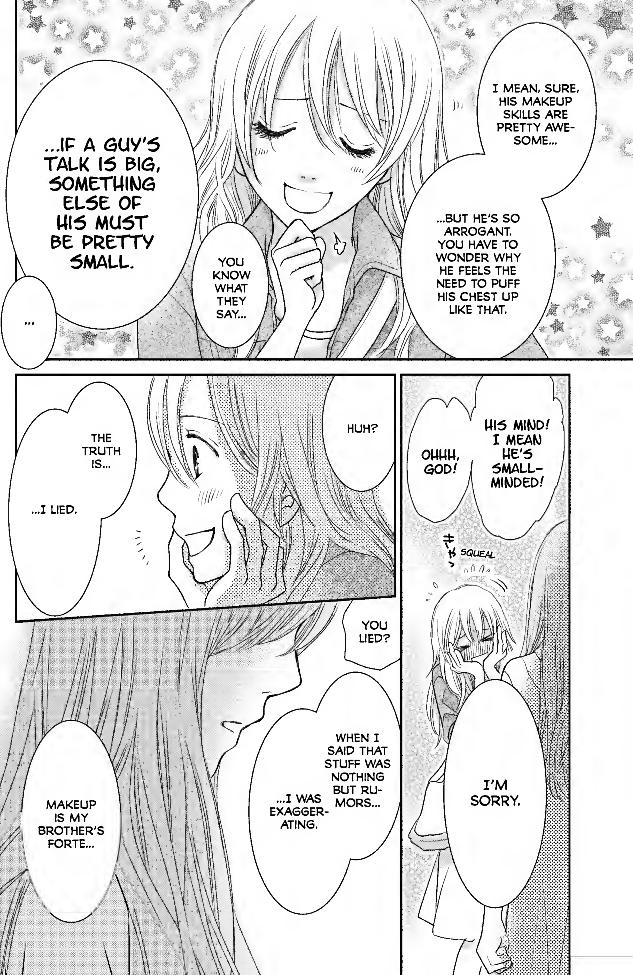

HER AGAIN...
AYA... SORRY, BUT CAN YOU GO HOME?
WHO'S THAT? A STALKER?
NO...
...SHE'S A WILD HARE.
Huh? What do you mean?
ちらっ... GLANCE
じろっ... GLARE
KEIBI
I DIDN'T EXPECT PRIVATE SECURITY.
ガチャッ CHACK
!
SORRY FOR THE BOTHER, MA'AM!

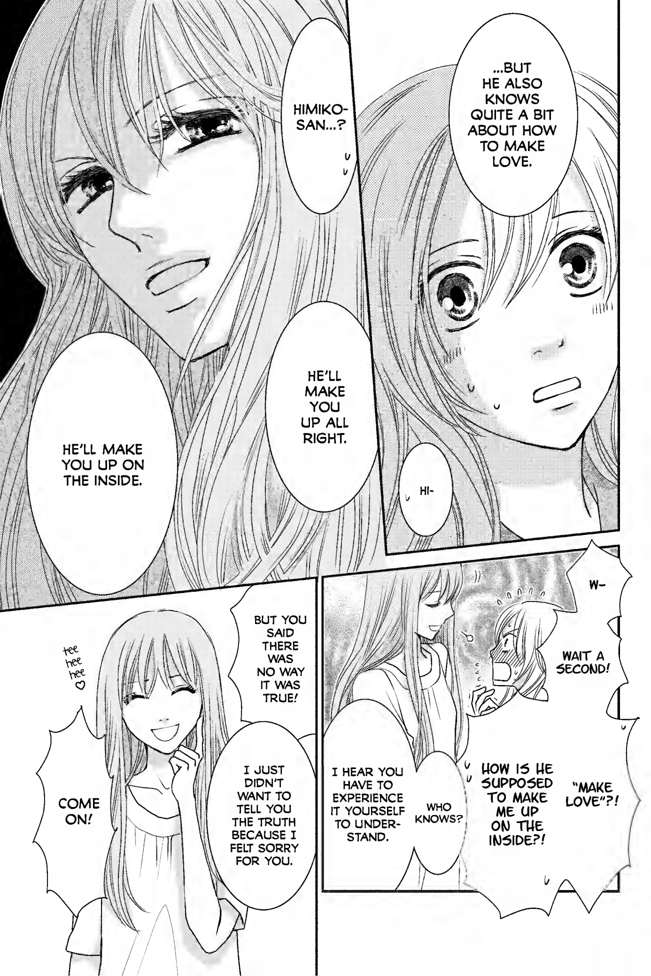

IS THIS GIRL A FRIEND OF YOURS?
nod
RIGHT.
MY MISTAKE.
HIMIKO-SAN!
click
SORRY FOR COMING OVER OUT OF THE BLUE LIKE THIS!
...
I JUST REALLY NEEDED TO SEE YOU.
I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR THE OTHER DAY...
...AND, ALSO, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK OF YOU.
...?
UH...
HOW DO I PUT THIS?
Y'KNOW,
WHEN YOUR BROTHER DOES A GIRL'S MAKEUP...
...SH-
SHE'S SUPPOSED TO SURRENDER HER BODY TO HIM AS PAYMENT, APPARENTLY.
I WAS HOPING YOU COULD TELL HIM TO LET ME OFF THE HOOK, HIMIKO-SAN.
...
OH! BUT...

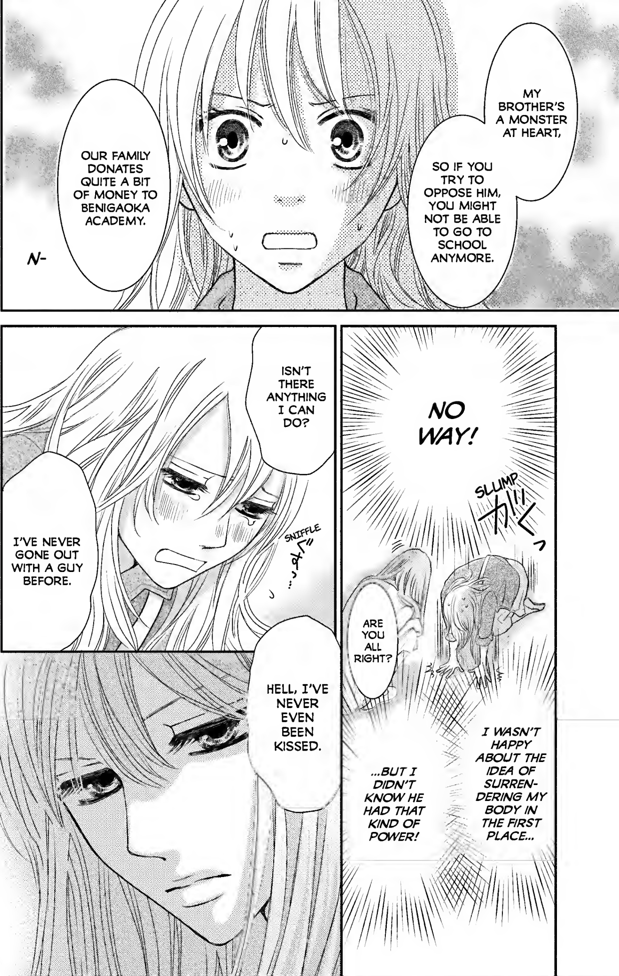

...I DON'T REGRET HAVING MY MAKEUP DONE.
RIGHT BEFORE YOU CAME TO MY RESCUE,
I WAS STARTING TO GET DEPRESSED BECAUSE I REMEMBERED SOME PAST TRAUMA...
...BUT WHEN YOUR BROTHER MADE ME ALL PRETTY WITH THAT MAKEUP...
...IT FILLED MY HEART WITH JOY.
UNTIL THEN, I NEVER SAW THE POINT IN SPENDING MONEY ON MAKEUP OR FASHION.
BUT THAT DAY...
...I WAS GLAD TO BE A GIRL FOR THE FIRST TIME.

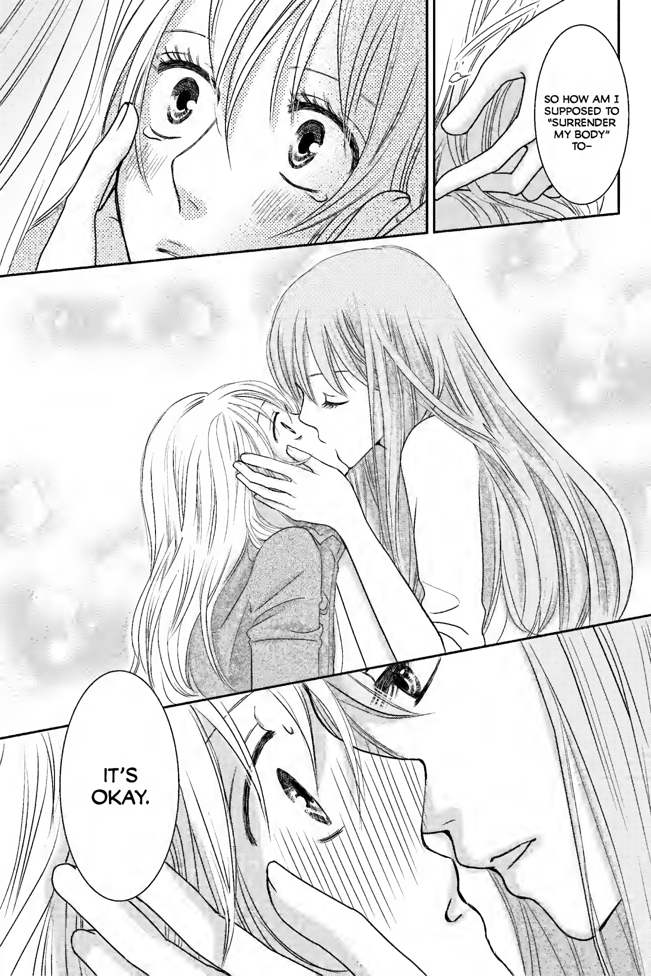

BECOMING BEAUTIFUL...
...CHANGES WHAT'S ON THE INSIDE AS MUCH AS IT DOES WHAT'S ON THE OUT-SIDE.
...
OH! SORRY!
I'M BLABBING ON AND ON. I JUST–
MY BROTHER...
...PROBABLY DOESN'T MEAN YOU ANY HARM.
ALL THAT STUFF'S JUST A BUNCH OF RUMORS.
WAIT...
HI-
HIMIKO-SAN...
YOU...

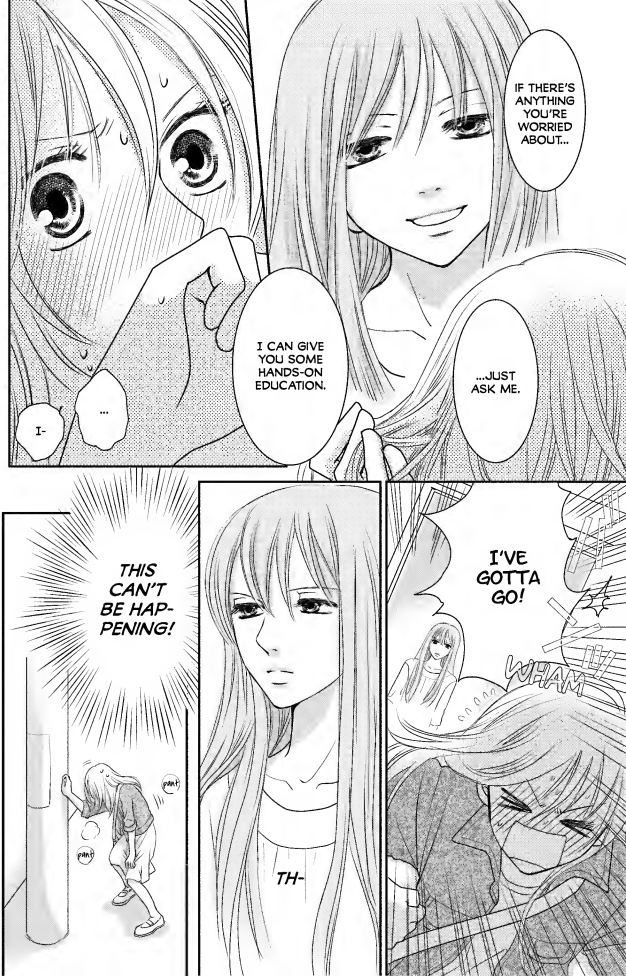

WHOA!
YOU CAN TALK?!
...
BUT DO YOU MEAN IT?!
THEY REALLY ARE NOTHING BUT RUMORS?!
YEAH...
I MEAN, HE DOESN'T NEED TO DO THAT TO GET WITH GIRLS, ANYWAY.
THERE'S NO WAY IT'S TRUE.
THAT MAKES SENSE.
I DIDN'T ENTIRELY BELIEVE IT MYSELF,
BUT I SURE AM RELIEVED TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT.
phew
REALLY, THOUGH,
I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO TALK TO YOU, HIMIKO-SAN.
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO IF THAT BROTHER OF YOURS ANSWERED THE DOOR.

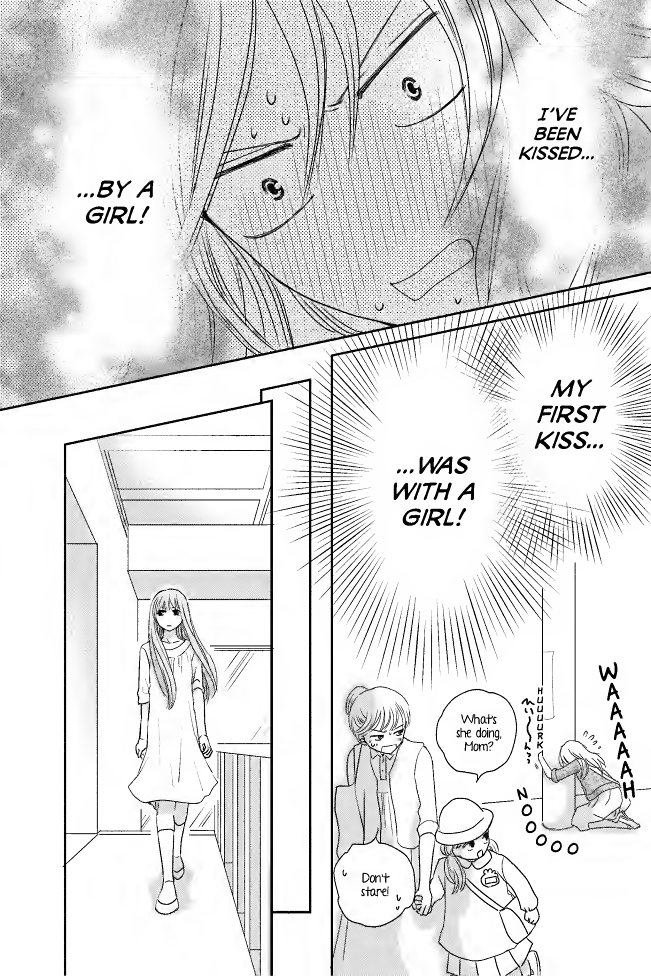

I MEAN, SURE, HIS MAKEUP SKILLS ARE PRETTY AWESOME...
...BUT HE'S SO ARROGANT. YOU HAVE TO WONDER WHY HE FEELS THE NEED TO PUFF HIS CHEST UP LIKE THAT.
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY...
...IF A GUY'S TALK IS BIG, SOMETHING ELSE OF HIS MUST BE PRETTY SMALL.
...
HIS MIND! I MEAN HE'S SMALL-MINDED!
OHHH, GOD!
SQUEAL
I'M SORRY.
HUH?
THE TRUTH IS...
...I LIED.
YOU LIED?
WHEN I SAID THAT STUFF WAS NOTHING BUT RUMORS...
...I WAS EXAGGERATING.
MAKEUP IS MY BROTHER'S FORTE...


...BUT HE ALSO KNOWS QUITE A BIT ABOUT HOW TO MAKE LOVE.
HI-
HIMIKO-SAN...?
HE'LL MAKE YOU UP ALL RIGHT.
HE'LL MAKE YOU UP ON THE INSIDE.
W-
WAIT A SECOND!
"MAKE LOVE"?!
HOW IS HE SUPPOSED TO MAKE ME UP ON THE INSIDE?!
WHO KNOWS?
I HEAR YOU HAVE TO EXPERIENCE IT YOURSELF TO UNDERSTAND.
BUT YOU SAID THERE WAS NO WAY IT WAS TRUE!
I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH BECAUSE I FELT SORRY FOR YOU.
COME ON!
tee hee hee ♡


MY BROTHER'S A MONSTER AT HEART,
SO IF YOU TRY TO OPPOSE HIM, YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL ANYMORE.
OUR FAMILY DONATES QUITE A BIT OF MONEY TO BENIGAOKA ACADEMY.
N-
NO WAY!
SLUMP
ガくっ
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I WASN'T HAPPY ABOUT THE IDEA OF SURRENDERING MY BODY IN THE FIRST PLACE...
...BUT I DIDN'T KNOW HE HAD THAT KIND OF POWER!
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?
I'VE NEVER GONE OUT WITH A GUY BEFORE.
SNIFFLE
HELL, I'VE NEVER EVEN BEEN KISSED.


SO HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO "SURRENDER MY BODY" TO–
IT'S OKAY.


IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT...
...JUST ASK ME.
I CAN GIVE YOU SOME HANDS-ON EDUCATION.
...
I-
I'VE GOTTA GO!
WHAM
TH-
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!
pant
pant


I'VE BEEN KISSED...
...BY A GIRL!
MY FIRST KISS...
...WAS WITH A GIRL!
WAAAAAAH
HUUURK
NOOOOO
What's she doing, Mom?
Don't stare!

ガラッ
SLIDE
SHWIP
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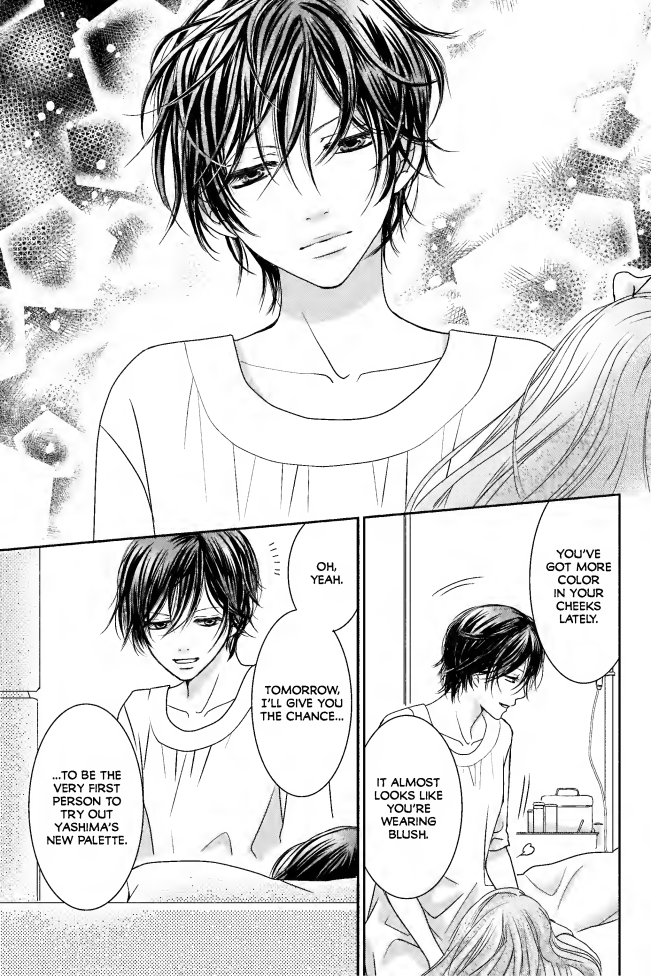
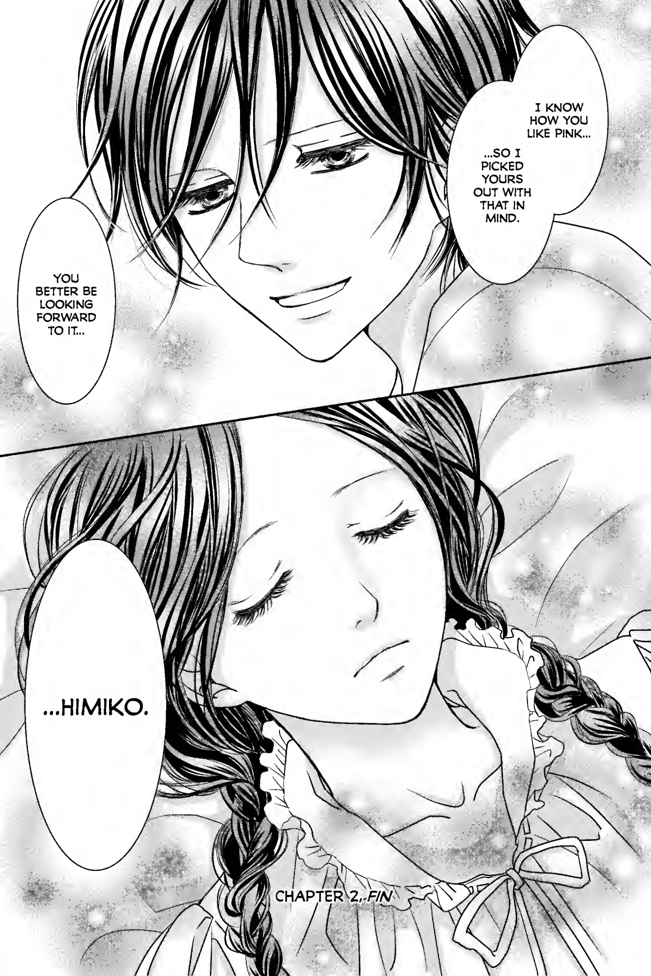

YOU'VE GOT MORE COLOR IN YOUR CHEEKS LATELY.
IT ALMOST LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE WEARING BLUSH.
OH, YEAH.
TOMORROW, I'LL GIVE YOU THE CHANCE...
...TO BE THE VERY FIRST PERSON TO TRY OUT YASHIMA'S NEW PALETTE.


I KNOW HOW YOU LIKE PINK...
...SO I PICKED YOURS OUT WITH THAT IN MIND.
YOU BETTER BE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT...
...HIMIKO.

CHAPTER 2, *FIN*

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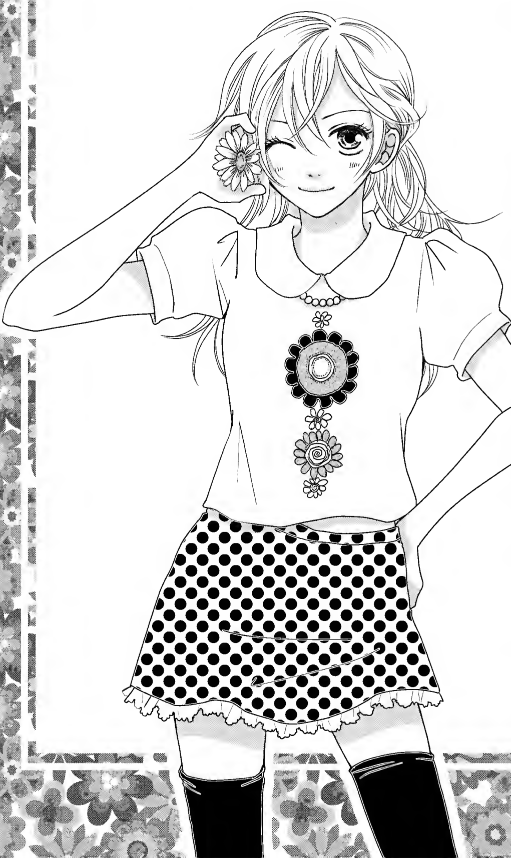
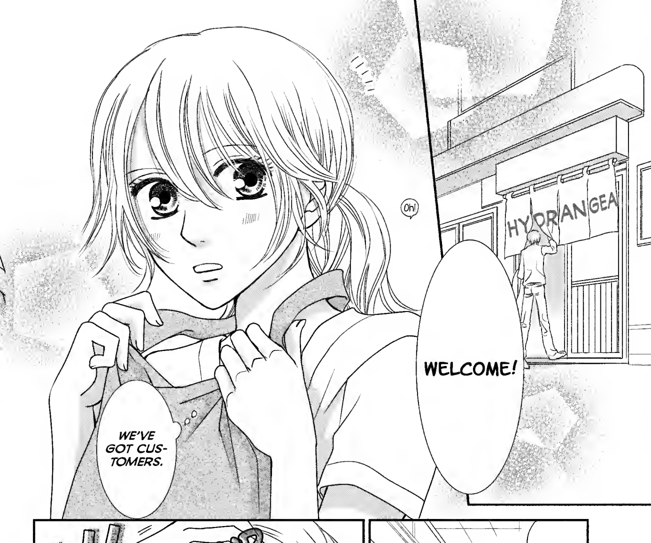
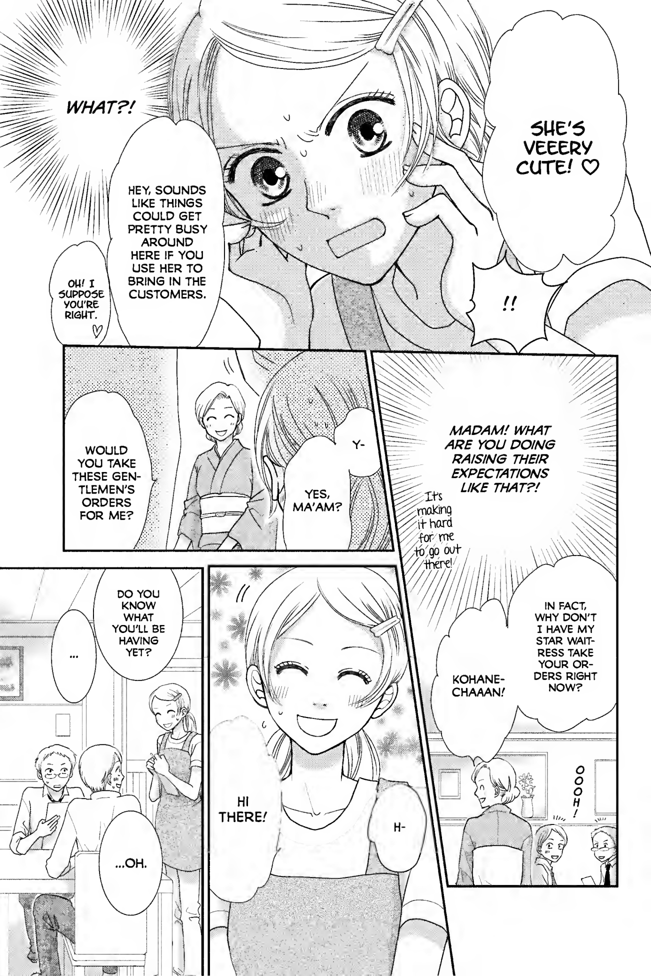
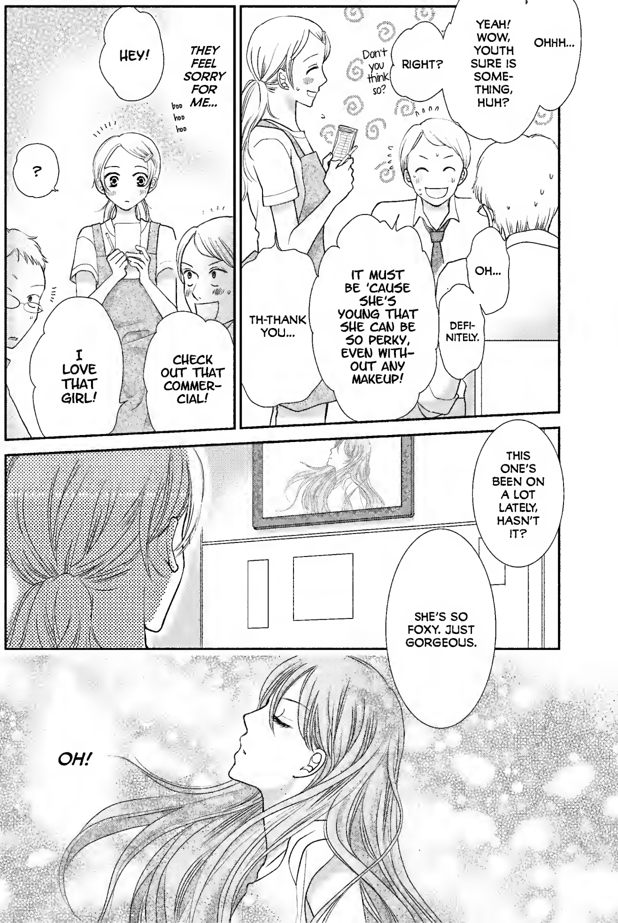
Two New Tutors

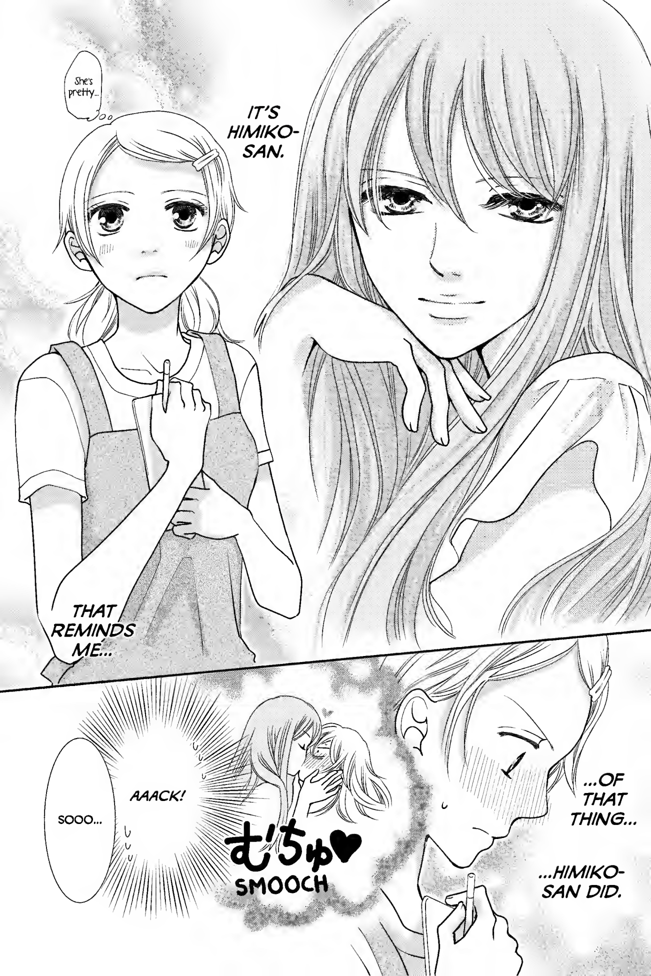
BeautyBunny

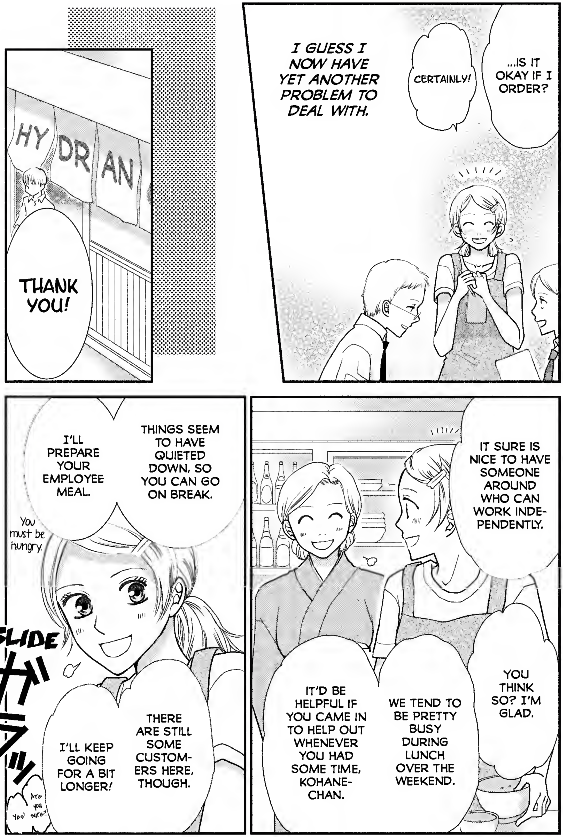


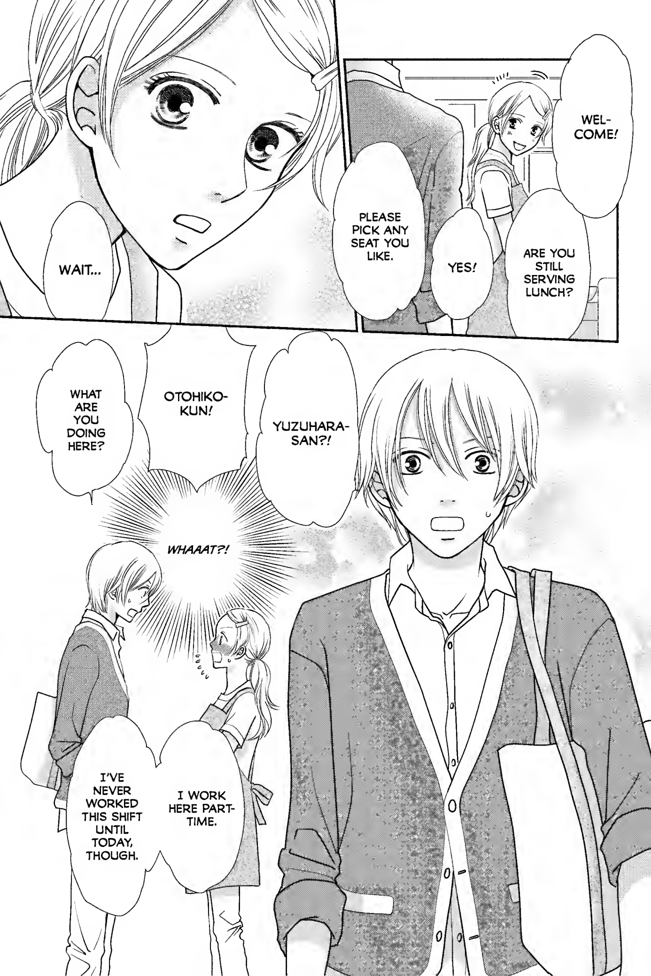

HYDRANGEA
WELCOME!
Oh!
WE'VE GOT CUSTOMERS.
I BETTER HURRY.
BY THE WAY, MADAM,
DID I HEAR YOU HAVE A NEW PART-TIME WAITRESS?
BADUMP
OH, YEAH!
SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF AN ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE.

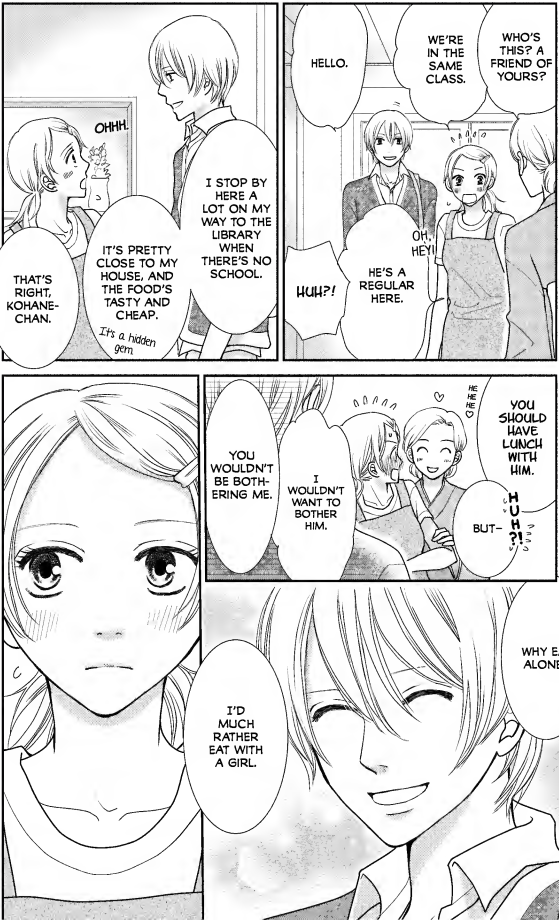

SHE'S VEEERY CUTE! ♡
!!
WHAT?!
HEY, SOUNDS LIKE THINGS COULD GET PRETTY BUSY AROUND HERE IF YOU USE HER TO BRING IN THE CUSTOMERS.
OH! I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT. ♡
IN FACT, WHY DON'T I HAVE MY STAR WAITRESS TAKE YOUR ORDERS RIGHT NOW?
KOHANE-CHAAAN!
OOOH!
MADAM! WHAT ARE YOU DOING RAISING THEIR EXPECTATIONS LIKE THAT?!
It's making it hard for me to go out there!
Y-
YES, MA'AM?
WOULD YOU TAKE THESE GENTLEMEN'S ORDERS FOR ME?
H-
HI THERE!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'LL BE HAVING YET?
...
...OH.

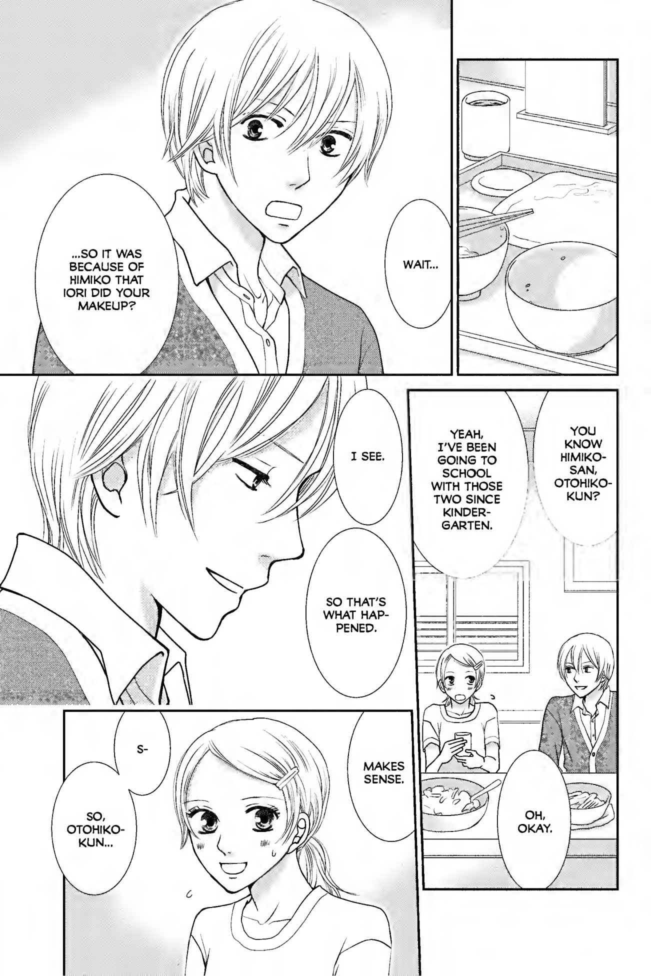

OHHH...
YEAH! WOW, YOUTH SURE IS SOMETHING, HUH?
RIGHT?
Don't you think so?
IT MUST BE 'CAUSE SHE'S YOUNG THAT SHE CAN BE SO PERKY, EVEN WITHOUT ANY MAKEUP!
OH...
DEFINITELY.
TH-THANK YOU...
THEY FEEL SORRY FOR ME...
HEY!
boo hoo hoo
?
CHECK OUT THAT COMMERCIAL!
I LOVE THAT GIRL!
THIS ONE'S BEEN ON A LOT LATELY, HASN'T IT?
SHE'S SO FOXY. JUST GORGEOUS.
OH!

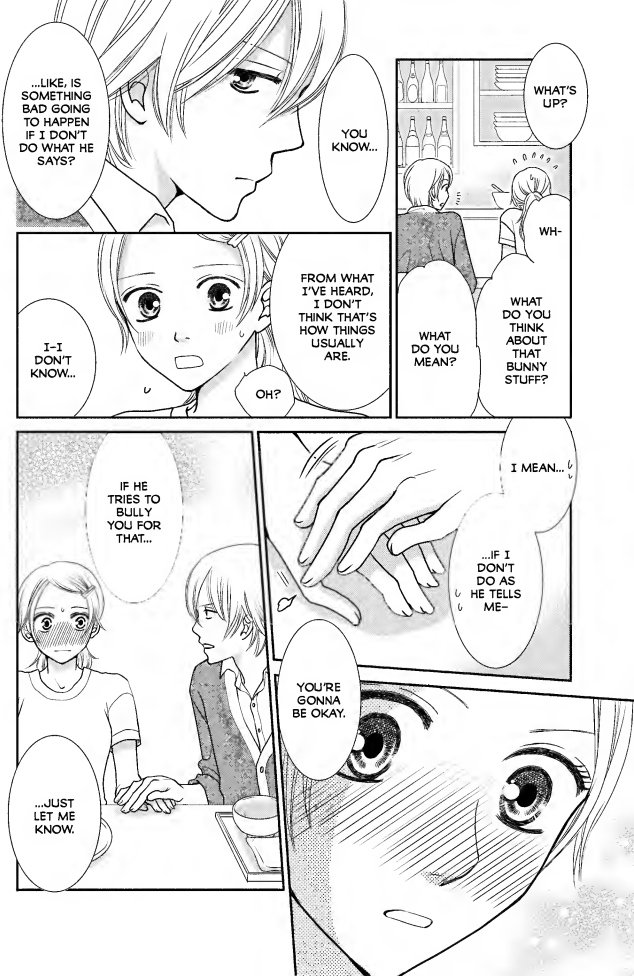

IT'S HIMIKO-SAN.
She's pretty...
THAT REMINDS ME...
...OF THAT THING...
...HIMIKO-SAN DID.
むちゅ♥
SMOOCH
AAACK!
SOOO...

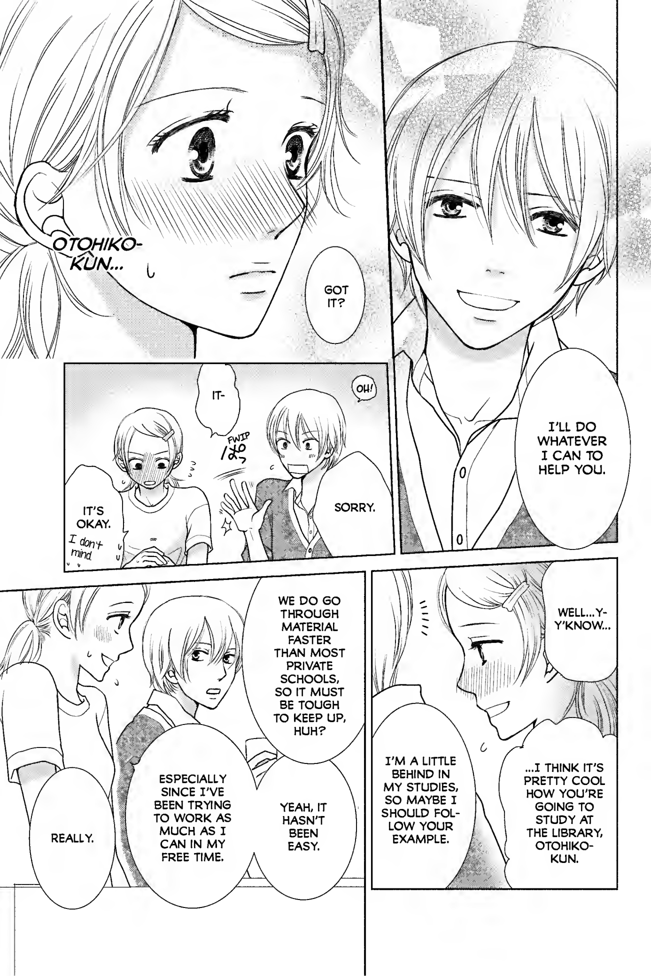

...IS IT OKAY IF I ORDER?
CERTAINLY!
I GUESS I NOW HAVE YET ANOTHER PROBLEM TO DEAL WITH.
HY DR AN
THANK YOU!
IT SURE IS NICE TO HAVE SOMEONE AROUND WHO CAN WORK INDEPENDENTLY.
YOU THINK SO? I'M GLAD.
WE TEND TO BE PRETTY BUSY DURING LUNCH OVER THE WEEKEND.
IT'D BE HELPFUL IF YOU CAME IN TO HELP OUT WHENEVER YOU HAD SOME TIME, KOHANE-CHAN.
THINGS SEEM TO HAVE QUIETED DOWN, SO YOU CAN GO ON BREAK.
I'LL PREPARE YOUR EMPLOYEE MEAL.
You must be hungry.
THERE ARE STILL SOME CUSTOMERS HERE, THOUGH.
I'LL KEEP GOING FOR A BIT LONGER!
Are you sure?
Yes!
SLIDE
ガラッ

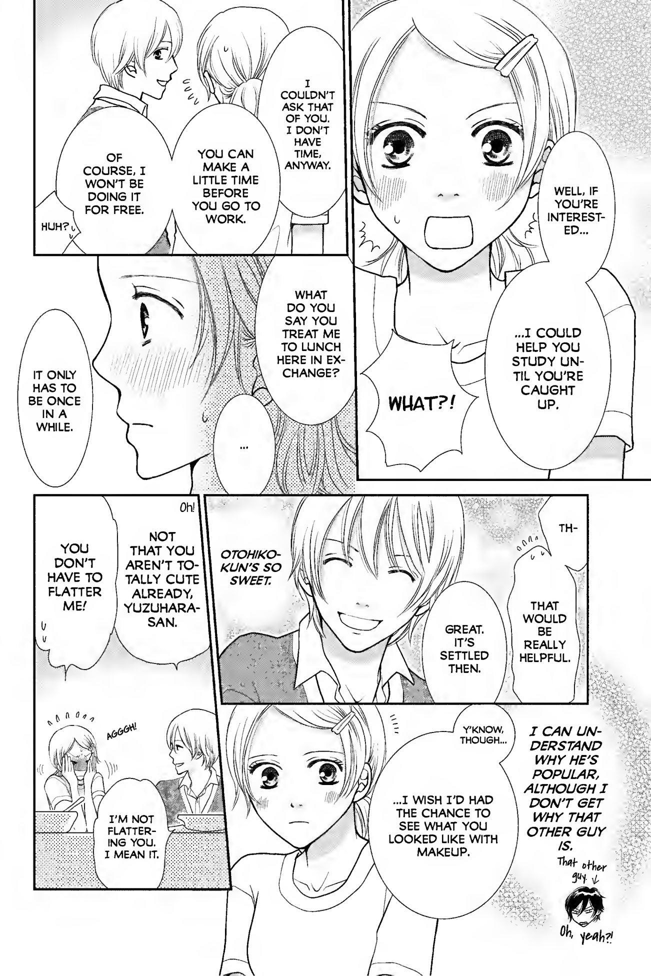

WELCOME!
ARE YOU STILL SERVING LUNCH?
YES!
PLEASE PICK ANY SEAT YOU LIKE.
WAIT...
YUZUHARA-SAN?!
OTOHIKO-KUN!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHAAAT?!
I WORK HERE PART-TIME.
I'VE NEVER WORKED THIS SHIFT UNTIL TODAY, THOUGH.

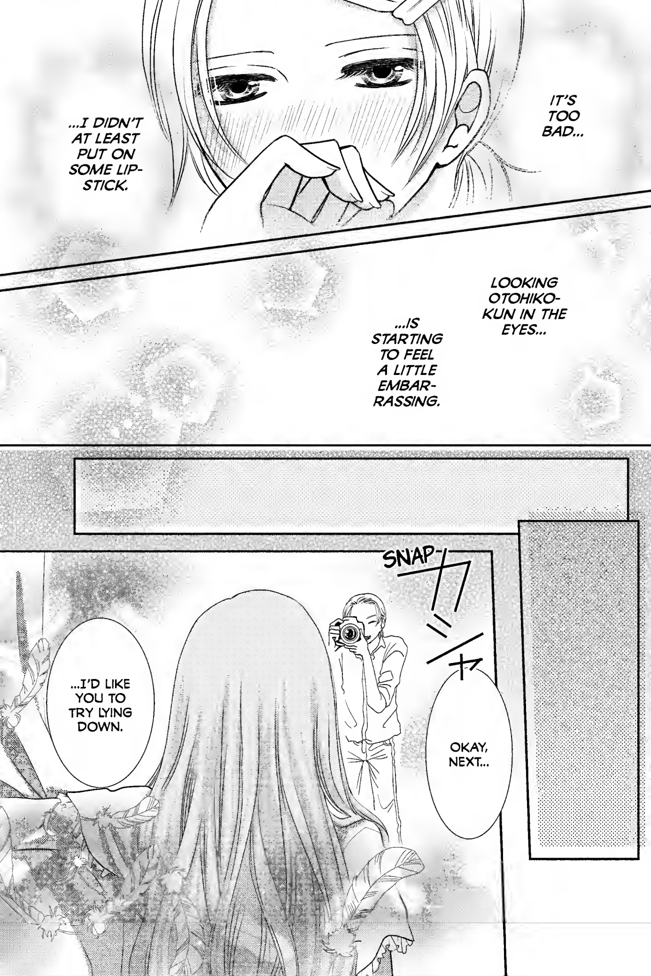

WHO'S THIS? A FRIEND OF YOURS?
WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS.
HELLO.
OH, HEY!
HE'S A REGULAR HERE.
HUH?!
I STOP BY HERE A LOT ON MY WAY TO THE LIBRARY WHEN THERE'S NO SCHOOL.
OHHH.
IT'S PRETTY CLOSE TO MY HOUSE, AND THE FOOD'S TASTY AND CHEAP.
It's a hidden gem.
THAT'S RIGHT, KOHANE-CHAN.
HE HE HE ♡
YOU SHOULD HAVE LUNCH WITH HIM.
HUH?!
BUT-
I WOULDN'T WANT TO BOTHER HIM.
YOU WOULDN'T BE BOTHERING ME.
WHY EAT ALONE?
I'D MUCH RATHER EAT WITH A GIRL.

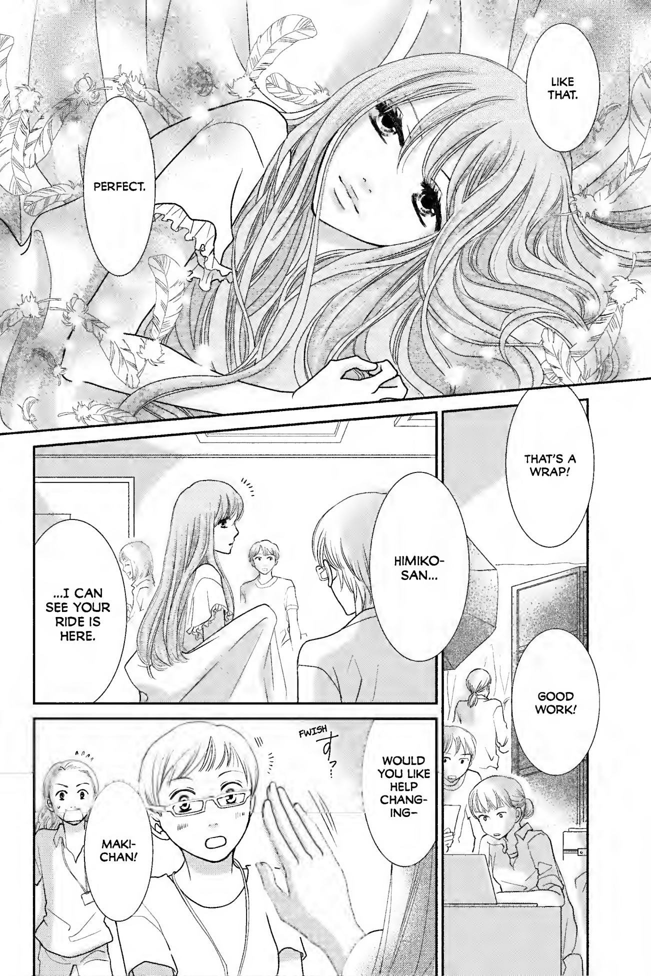

WAIT...
...SO IT WAS BECAUSE OF HIMIKO THAT IORI DID YOUR MAKEUP?
YOU KNOW HIMIKO-SAN, OTOHIKO-KUN?
YEAH, I'VE BEEN GOING TO SCHOOL WITH THOSE TWO SINCE KINDERGARTEN.
OH, OKAY.
I SEE.
SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.
MAKES SENSE.
S-
SO, OTOHIKO-KUN...

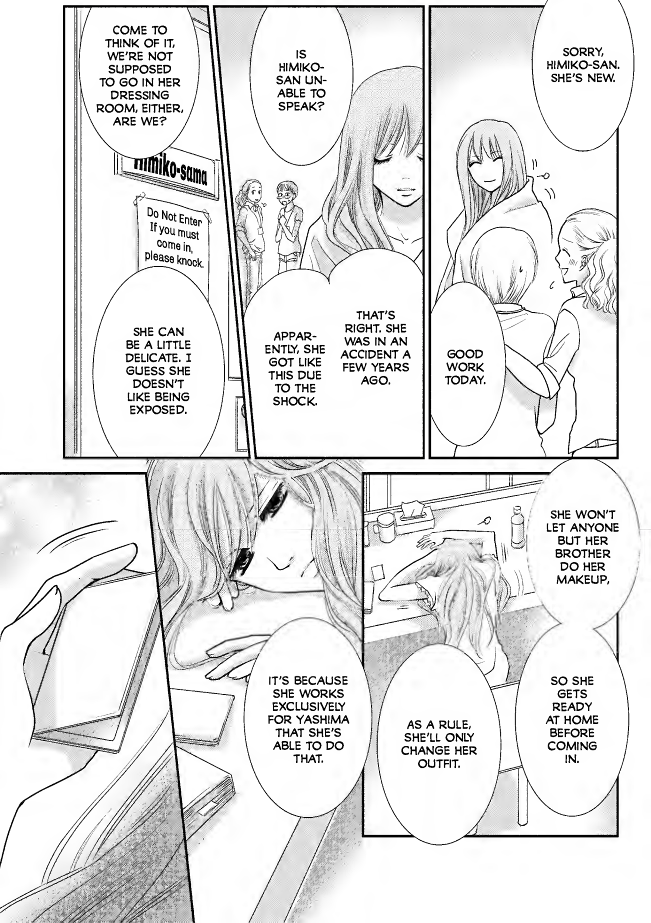

WHAT'S UP?
WH-
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT BUNNY STUFF?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU KNOW...
...LIKE, IS SOMETHING BAD GOING TO HAPPEN IF I DON'T DO WHAT HE SAYS?
FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD, I DON'T THINK THAT'S HOW THINGS USUALLY ARE.
OH?
I-I DON'T KNOW...
I MEAN...
...IF I DON'T DO AS HE TELLS ME-
IF HE TRIES TO BULLY YOU FOR THAT...
...JUST LET ME KNOW.
YOU'RE GONNA BE OKAY.

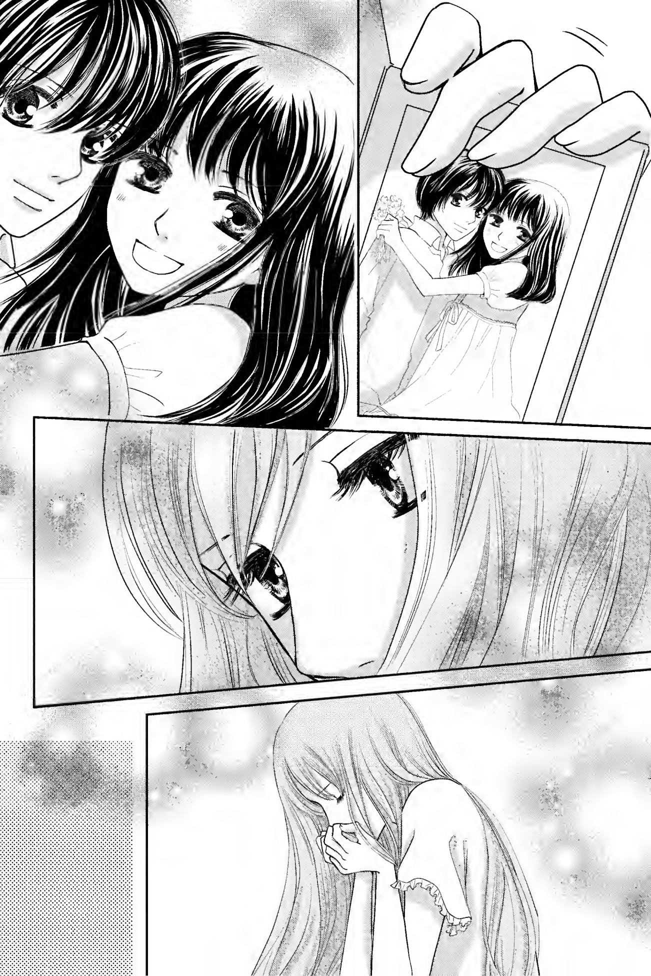

I'LL DO WHATEVER I CAN TO HELP YOU.
GOT IT?
OTOHIKO-KUN...
OH!
IT-
FWIP
SORRY.
IT'S OKAY.
I don't mind.
WELL...Y-Y'KNOW...
...I THINK IT'S PRETTY COOL HOW YOU'RE GOING TO STUDY AT THE LIBRARY, OTOHIKO-KUN.
I'M A LITTLE BEHIND IN MY STUDIES, SO MAYBE I SHOULD FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE.
WE DO GO THROUGH MATERIAL FASTER THAN MOST PRIVATE SCHOOLS, SO IT MUST BE TOUGH TO KEEP UP, HUH?
YEAH, IT HASN'T BEEN EASY.
ESPECIALLY SINCE I'VE BEEN TRYING TO WORK AS MUCH AS I CAN IN MY FREE TIME.
REALLY.

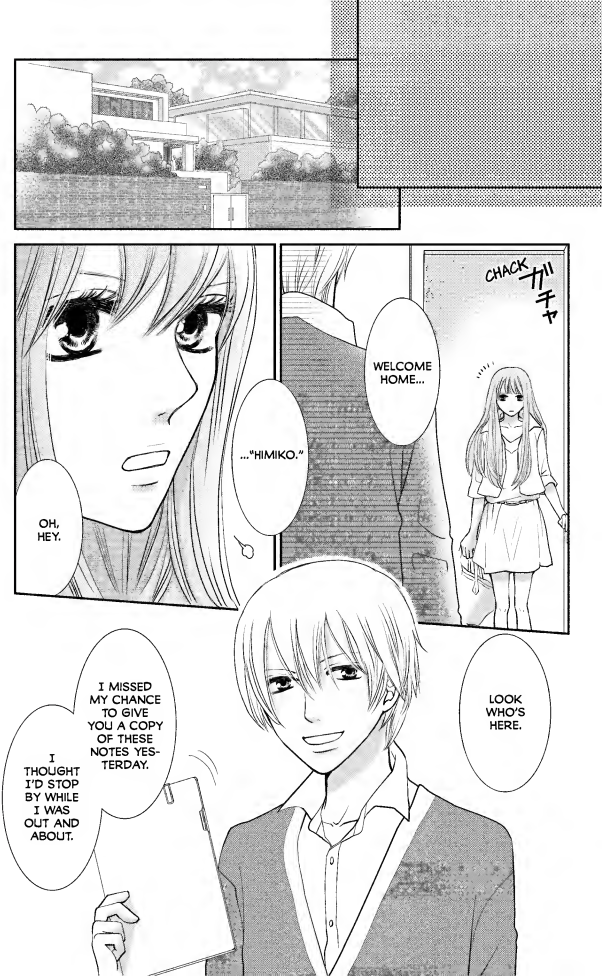

WELL, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED...
...I COULD HELP YOU STUDY UNTIL YOU'RE CAUGHT UP.
WHAT?!
I COULDN'T ASK THAT OF YOU. I DON'T HAVE TIME, ANYWAY.
YOU CAN MAKE A LITTLE TIME BEFORE YOU GO TO WORK.
OF COURSE, I WON'T BE DOING IT FOR FREE.
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU SAY YOU TREAT ME TO LUNCH HERE IN EXCHANGE?
...
IT ONLY HAS TO BE ONCE IN A WHILE.
TH-
THAT WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL.
GREAT. IT'S SETTLED THEN.
OTOHIKO-KUN'S SO SWEET.
Oh!
NOT THAT YOU AREN'T TOTALLY CUTE ALREADY, YUZUHARA-SAN.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FLATTER ME!
Y'KNOW, THOUGH...
...I WISH I'D HAD THE CHANCE TO SEE WHAT YOU LOOKED LIKE WITH MAKEUP.
I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY HE'S POPULAR, ALTHOUGH I DON'T GET WHY THAT OTHER GUY IS.
That other guy.
Oh, yeah?!
AGGGH!
I'M NOT FLATTERING YOU. I MEAN IT.

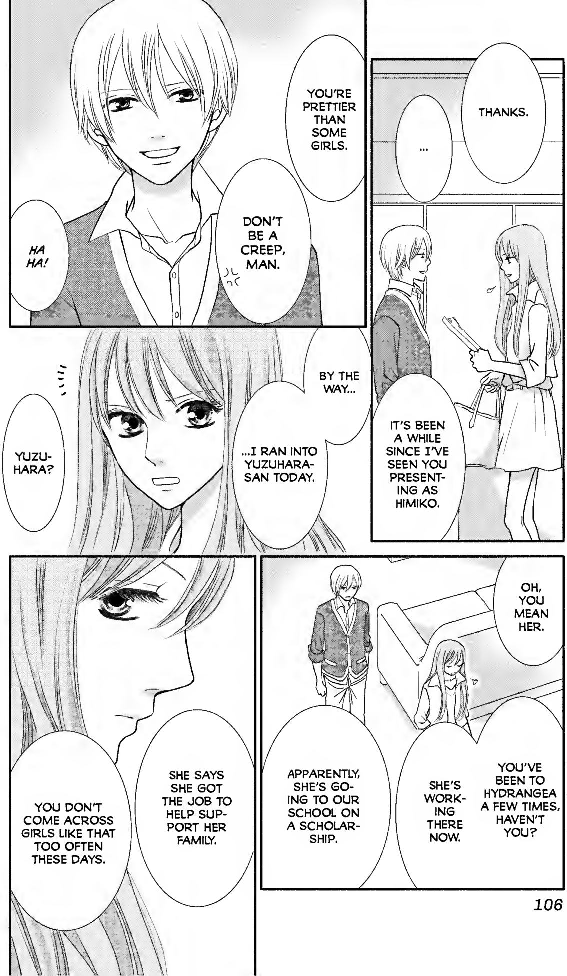

IT'S TOO BAD...
...I DIDN'T AT LEAST PUT ON SOME LIPSTICK.
LOOKING OTOHIKO-KUN IN THE EYES...
...IS STARTING TO FEEL A LITTLE EMBARRASSING.
SNAP
カシャ
OKAY, NEXT...
...I'D LIKE YOU TO TRY LYING DOWN.

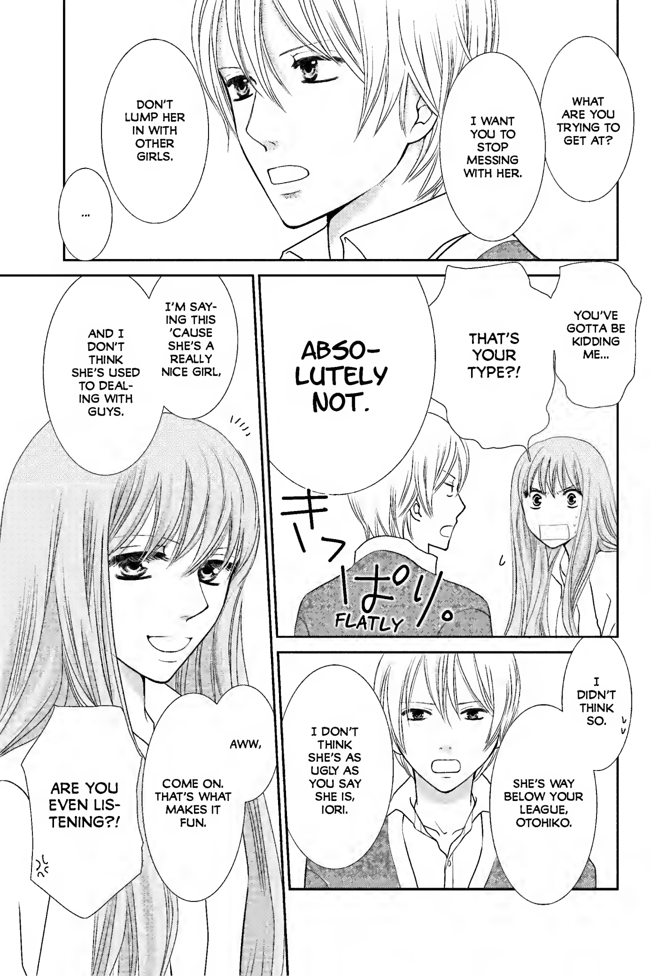

LIKE THAT.
PERFECT.
THAT'S A WRAP!
GOOD WORK!
HIMIKO-SAN...
...I CAN SEE YOUR RIDE IS HERE.
WOULD YOU LIKE HELP CHANGING-
FWISH
MAKI-CHAN!

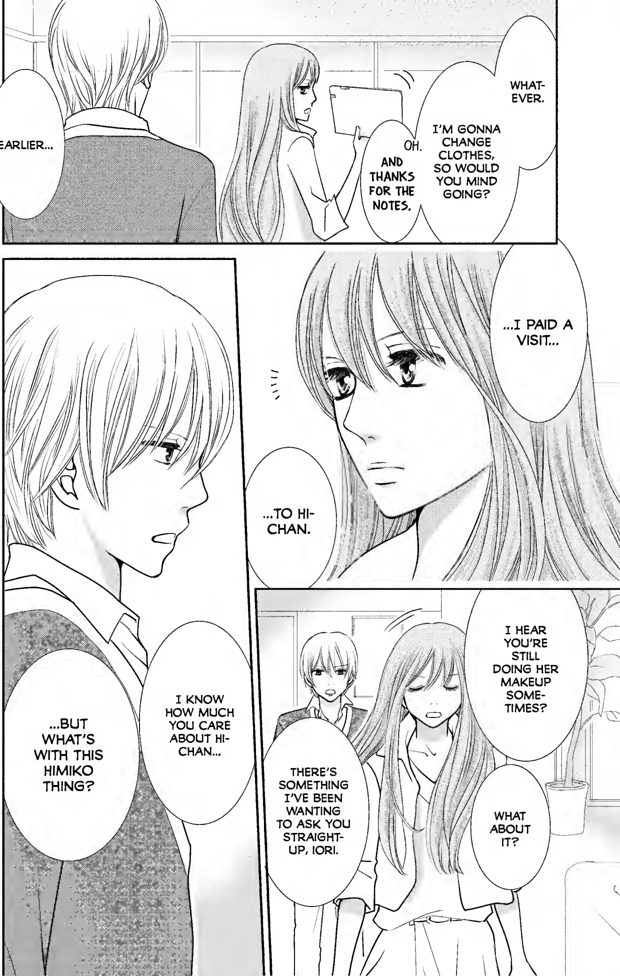

SORRY, HIMIKO-SAN. SHE'S NEW.
GOOD WORK TODAY.
IS HIMIKO-SAN UNABLE TO SPEAK?
THAT'S RIGHT. SHE WAS IN AN ACCIDENT A FEW YEARS AGO.
APPARENTLY, SHE GOT LIKE THIS DUE TO THE SHOCK.
COME TO THINK OF IT, WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO GO IN HER DRESSING ROOM, EITHER, ARE WE?
Himiko-sama
Do Not Enter If you must come in, please knock.
SHE CAN BE A LITTLE DELICATE. I GUESS SHE DOESN'T LIKE BEING EXPOSED.
SHE WON'T LET ANYONE BUT HER BROTHER DO HER MAKEUP,
SO SHE GETS READY AT HOME BEFORE COMING IN.
AS A RULE, SHE'LL ONLY CHANGE HER OUTFIT.
IT'S BECAUSE SHE WORKS EXCLUSIVELY FOR YASHIMA THAT SHE'S ABLE TO DO THAT.

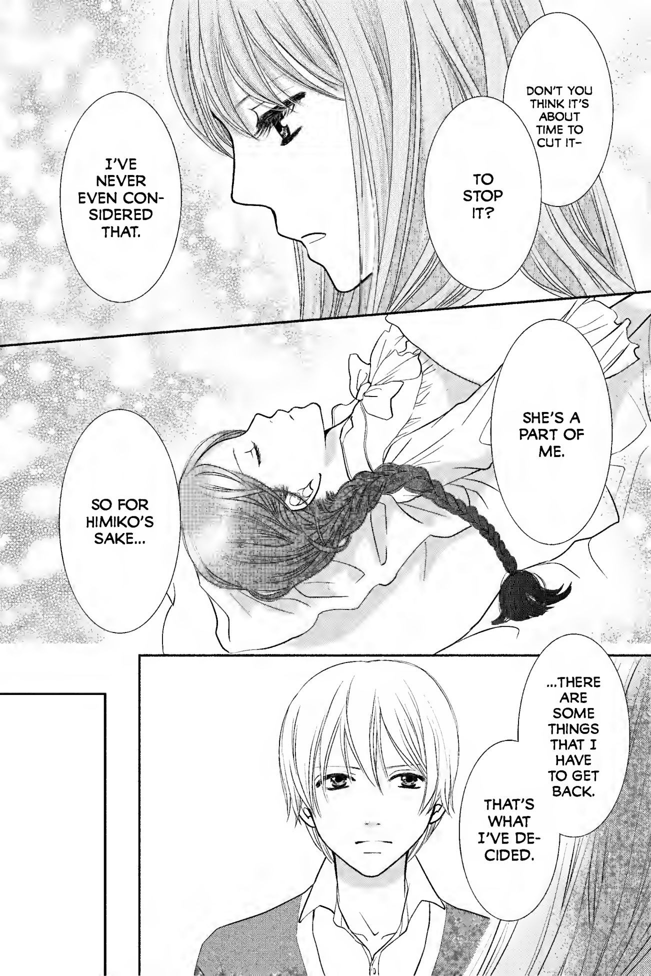


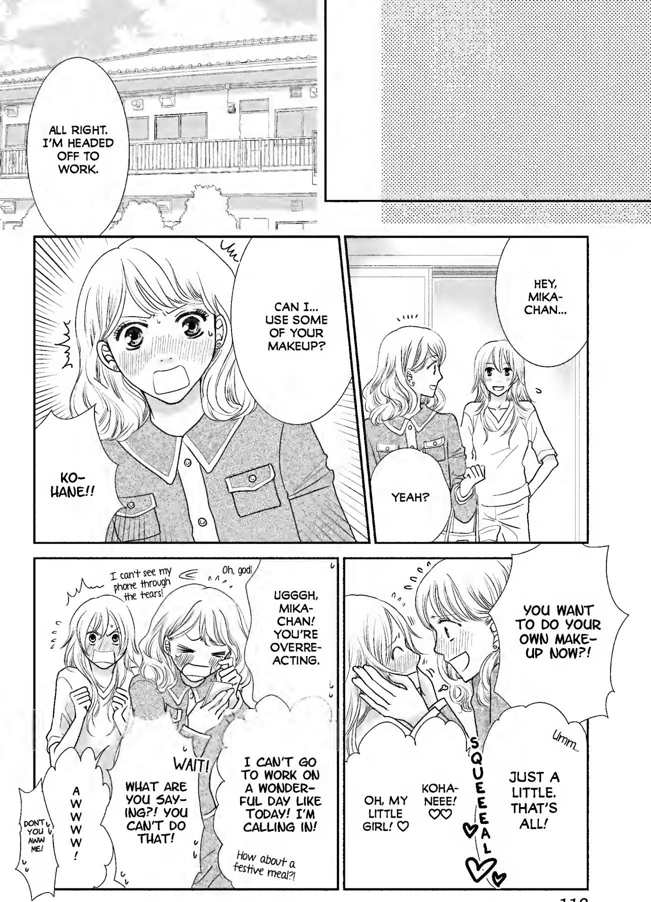

CHACK ガチャ
WELCOME HOME...
..."HIMIKO."
OH, HEY.
LOOK WHO'S HERE.
I MISSED MY CHANCE TO GIVE YOU A COPY OF THESE NOTES YESTERDAY.
I THOUGHT I'D STOP BY WHILE I WAS OUT AND ABOUT.

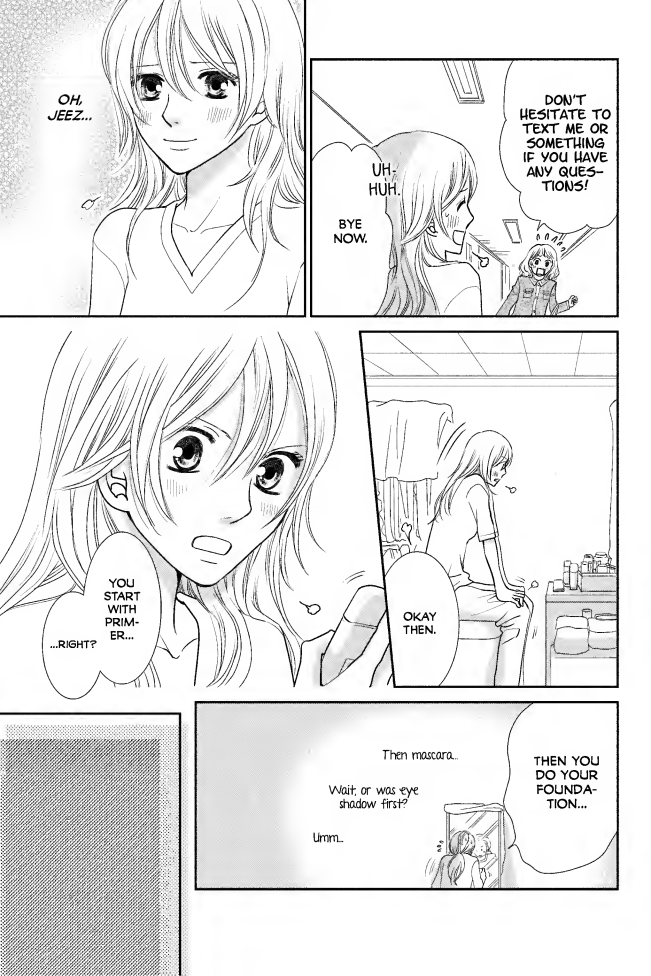

THANKS.
...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN YOU PRESENTING AS HIMIKO.
YOU'RE PRETTIER THAN SOME GIRLS.
DON'T BE A CREEP, MAN.
HA HA!
BY THE WAY...
...I RAN INTO YUZUHARA-SAN TODAY.
YUZUHARA?
OH, YOU MEAN HER.
YOU'VE BEEN TO HYDRANGEA A FEW TIMES, HAVEN'T YOU?
SHE'S WORKING THERE NOW.
APPARENTLY, SHE'S GOING TO OUR SCHOOL ON A SCHOLARSHIP.
SHE SAYS SHE GOT THE JOB TO HELP SUPPORT HER FAMILY.
YOU DON'T COME ACROSS GIRLS LIKE THAT TOO OFTEN THESE DAYS.

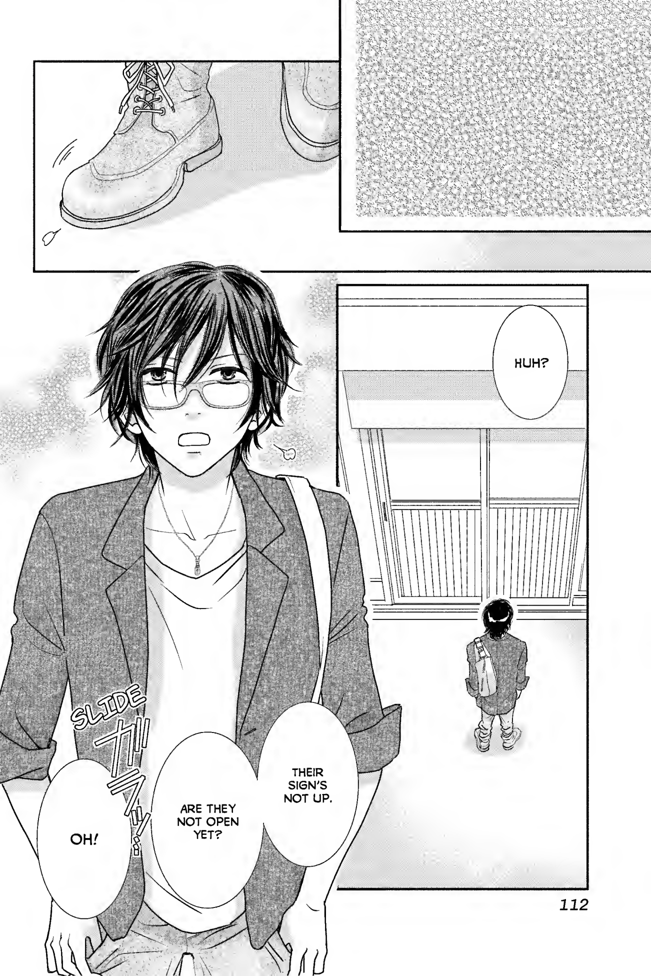

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO GET AT?
I WANT YOU TO STOP MESSING WITH HER.
DON'T LUMP HER IN WITH OTHER GIRLS.
...
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME...
THAT'S YOUR TYPE?!
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
キッぱり。
FLATLY
I DIDN'T THINK SO.
SHE'S WAY BELOW YOUR LEAGUE, OTOHIKO.
I DON'T THINK SHE'S AS UGLY AS YOU SAY SHE IS, IORI.
I'M SAYING THIS 'CAUSE SHE'S A REALLY NICE GIRL,
AND I DON'T THINK SHE'S USED TO DEALING WITH GUYS.
AWW,
COME ON. THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT FUN.
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING?!

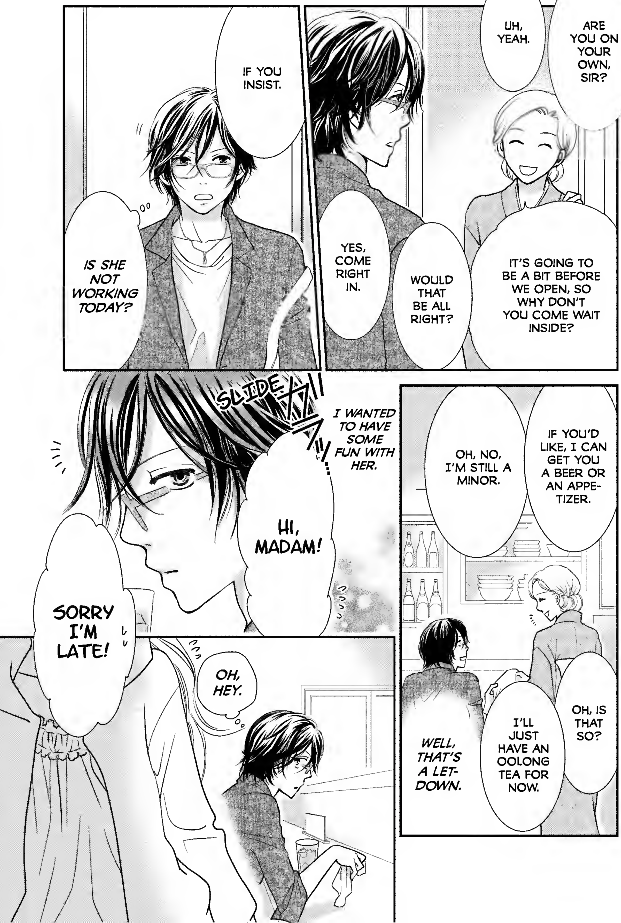

WHATEVER.
I'M GONNA CHANGE CLOTHES, SO WOULD YOU MIND GOING?
OH. AND THANKS FOR THE NOTES.
EARLIER...
...I PAID A VISIT...
...TO HI-CHAN.
I HEAR YOU'RE STILL DOING HER MAKEUP SOMETIMES?
WHAT ABOUT IT?
THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ASK YOU STRAIGHT-UP, IORI.
I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU CARE ABOUT HI-CHAN...
...BUT WHAT'S WITH THIS HIMIKO THING?

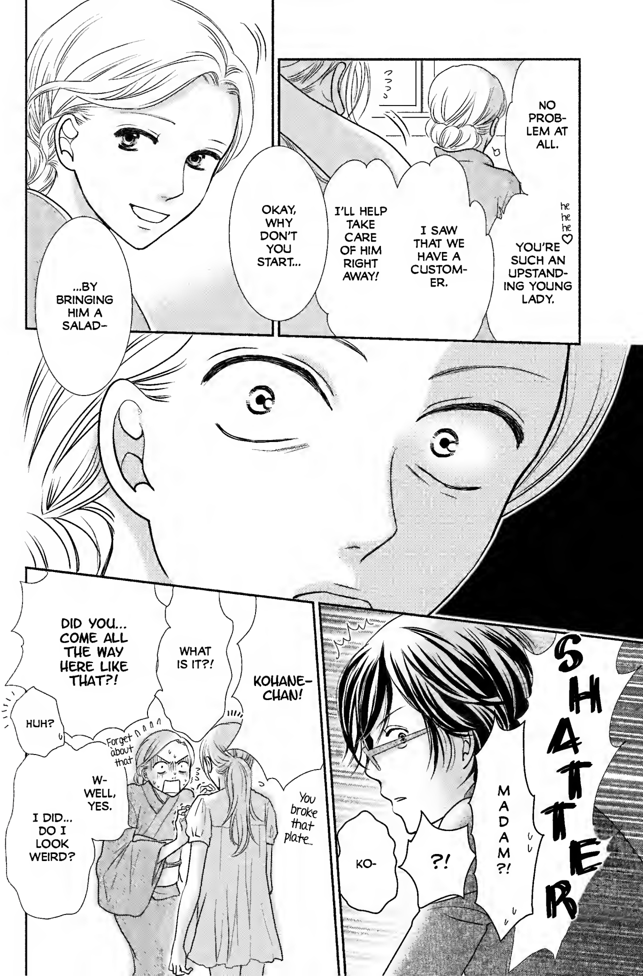

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME TO CUT IT–
TO STOP IT?
I'VE NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED THAT.
SHE'S A PART OF ME.
SO FOR HIMIKO'S SAKE...
...THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT I HAVE TO GET BACK.
THAT'S WHAT I'VE DECIDED.

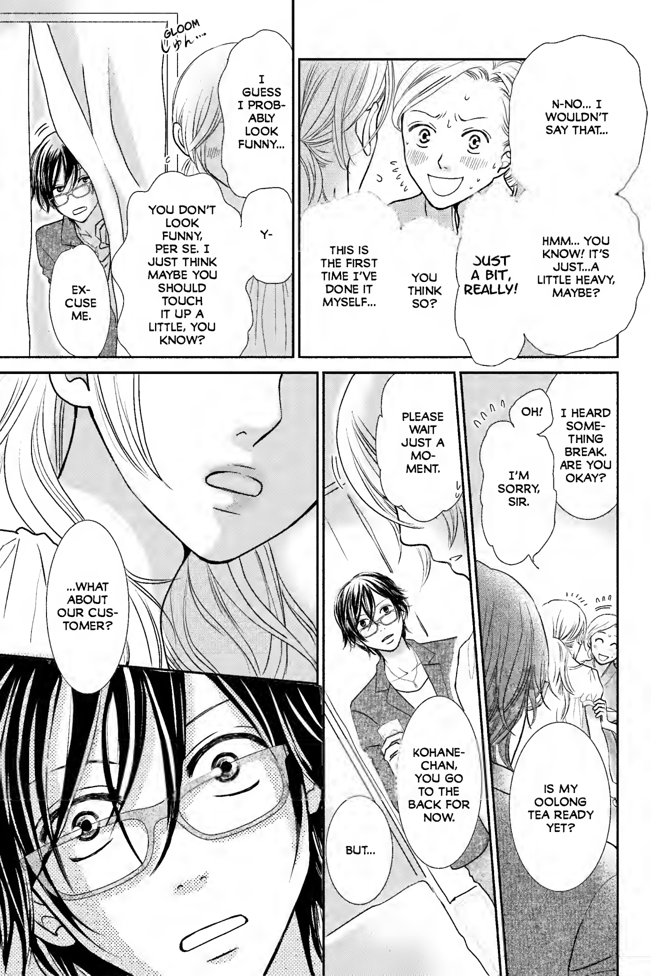

ALL RIGHT. I'M HEADED OFF TO WORK.
HEY, MIKA-CHAN...
YEAH?
CAN I... USE SOME OF YOUR MAKEUP?
KO-HANE!!
YOU WANT TO DO YOUR OWN MAKEUP NOW?!
Umm...
JUST A LITTLE. THAT'S ALL!
SQUEEEAL
KOHA-NEEE! ♡♡
OH, MY LITTLE GIRL! ♡
UGGGH, MIKA-CHAN! YOU'RE OVERREACTING.
Oh, god!
I can't see my phone through the tears!
I CAN'T GO TO WORK ON A WONDERFUL DAY LIKE TODAY! I'M CALLING IN!
How about a festive meal?!
WAIT!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
AWWWW!
DON'T YOU AWW ME!

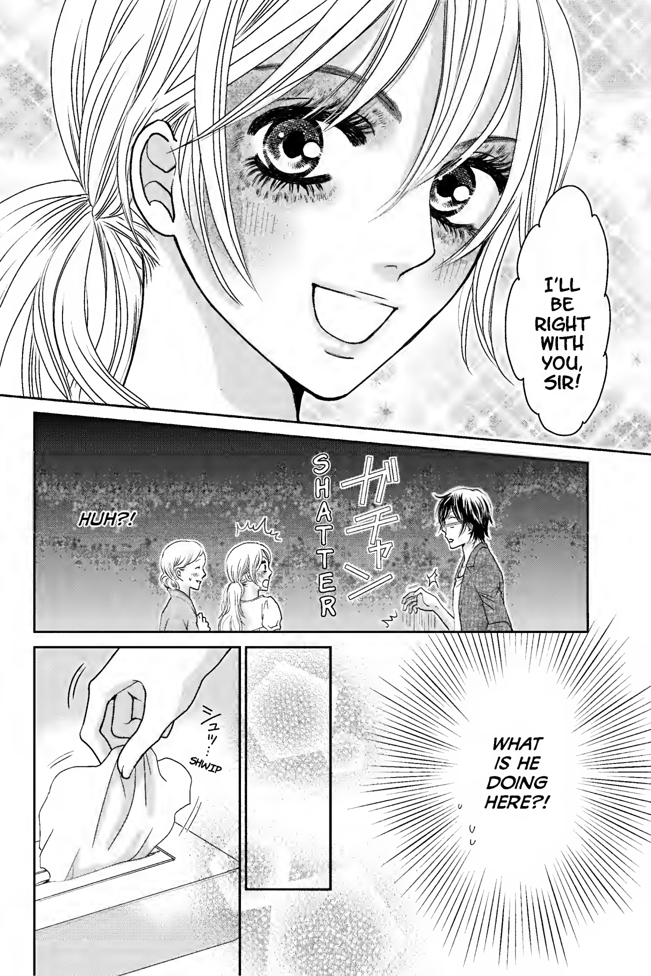

DON'T HESITATE TO TEXT ME OR SOMETHING IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS!
UH-HUH.
BYE NOW.
OH, JEEZ...
OKAY THEN.
YOU START WITH PRIMER...
...RIGHT?
THEN YOU DO YOUR FOUNDATION...
Then mascara..
Wait, or was eye shadow first?
Umm..

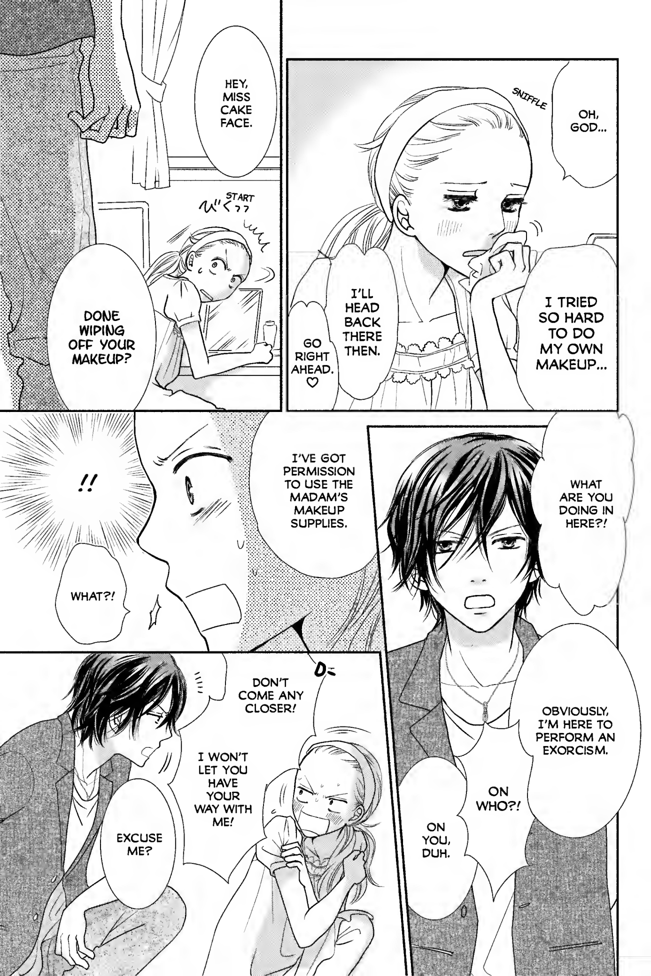

HUH?
THEIR SIGN'S NOT UP.
ARE THEY NOT OPEN YET?
SLIDE
ガラッ
OH!

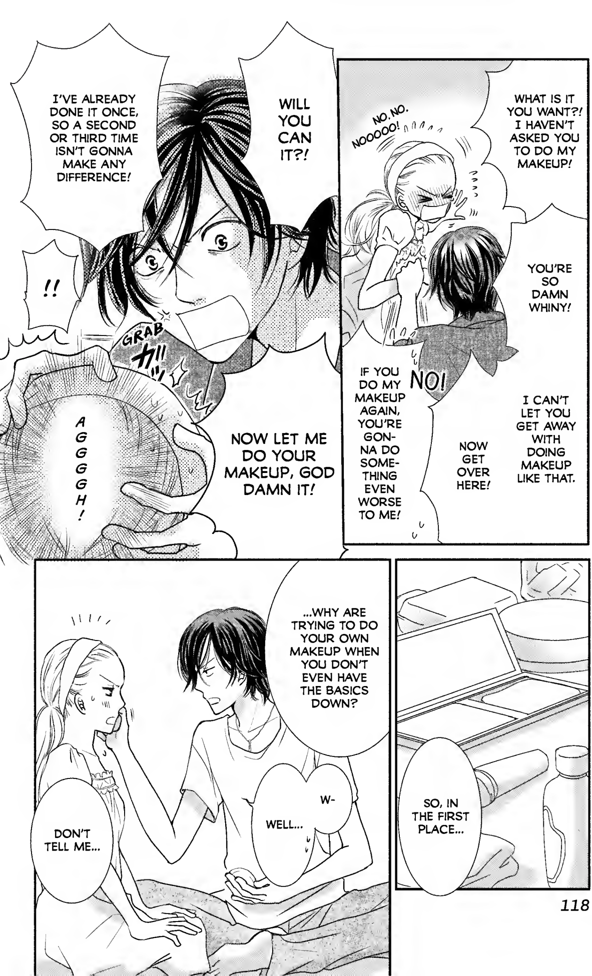

ARE YOU ON YOUR OWN, SIR?
UH, YEAH.
IT'S GOING TO BE A BIT BEFORE WE OPEN, SO WHY DON'T YOU COME WAIT INSIDE?
WOULD THAT BE ALL RIGHT?
YES, COME RIGHT IN.
IF YOU INSIST.
IS SHE NOT WORKING TODAY?
IF YOU'D LIKE, I CAN GET YOU A BEER OR AN APPETIZER.
OH, NO, I'M STILL A MINOR.
OH, IS THAT SO?
I'LL JUST HAVE AN OOLONG TEA FOR NOW.
WELL, THAT'S A LETDOWN.
I WANTED TO HAVE SOME FUN WITH HER.
SLIDE
HI, MADAM!
SORRY I'M LATE!
OH, HEY.

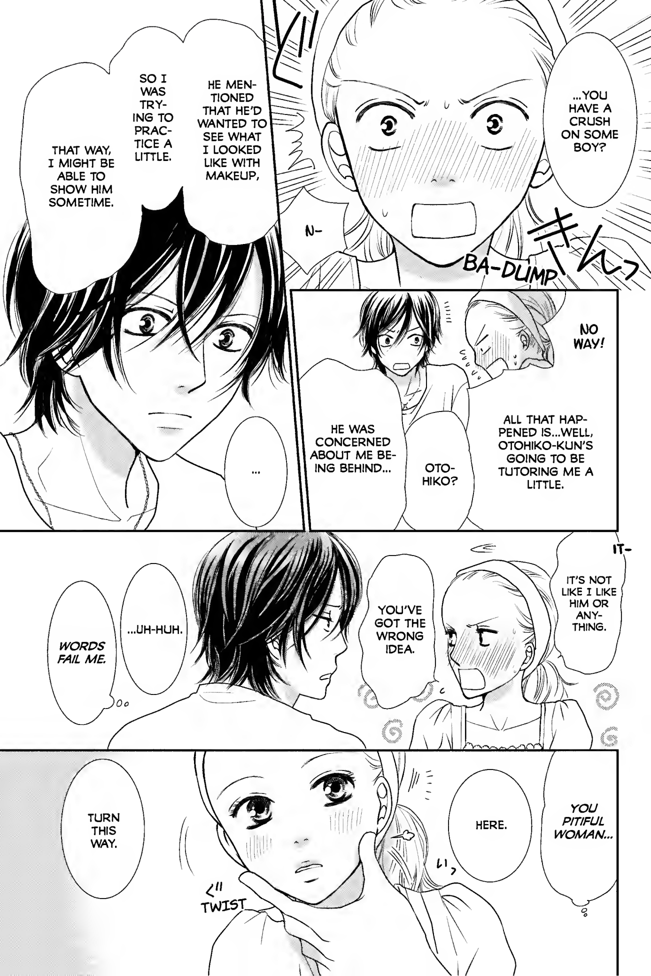

NO PROBLEM AT ALL.
he he he ♡
YOU'RE SUCH AN UPSTANDING YOUNG LADY.
I SAW THAT WE HAVE A CUSTOMER.
I'LL HELP TAKE CARE OF HIM RIGHT AWAY!
OKAY, WHY DON'T YOU START...
...BY BRINGING HIM A SALAD-
SHATTER
MADAM?!
?!
KO-
KOHANE-CHAN!
WHAT IS IT?!
DID YOU... COME ALL THE WAY HERE LIKE THAT?!
HUH?
Forget about that
You broke that plate...
W-WELL, YES.
I DID... DO I LOOK WEIRD?

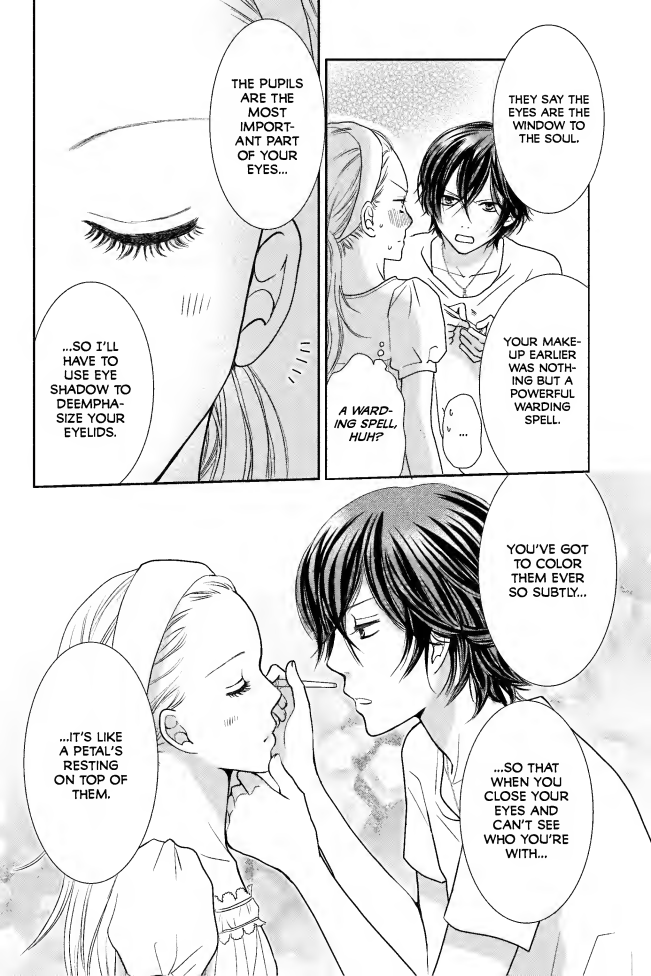

N-NO... I WOULDN'T SAY THAT...
HMM... YOU KNOW! IT'S JUST...A LITTLE HEAVY, MAYBE?
JUST A BIT, REALLY!
YOU THINK SO?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE DONE IT MYSELF...
GLOOM じゅん…
I GUESS I PROBABLY LOOK FUNNY...
Y-
YOU DON'T LOOK FUNNY, PER SE. I JUST THINK MAYBE YOU SHOULD TOUCH IT UP A LITTLE, YOU KNOW?
EXCUSE ME.
I HEARD SOMETHING BREAK. ARE YOU OKAY?
OH!
I'M SORRY, SIR.
IS MY OOLONG TEA READY YET?
PLEASE WAIT JUST A MOMENT.
KOHANE-CHAN, YOU GO TO THE BACK FOR NOW.
BUT...
...WHAT ABOUT OUR CUSTOMER?

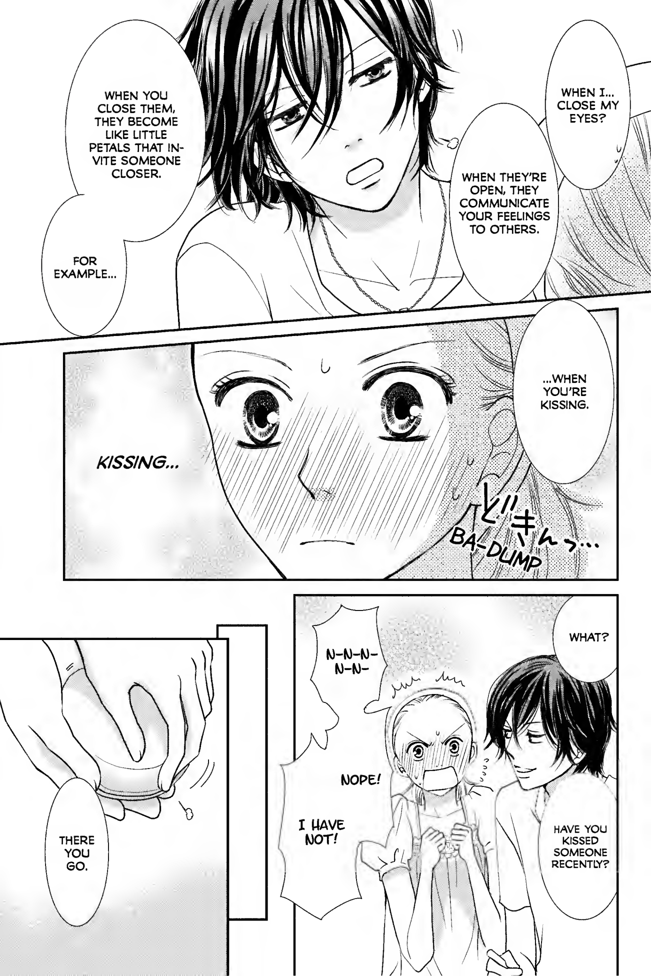

I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU, SIR!
ガチャン
SHATTER
HUH?!
WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?!
シュッ…
SHWIP

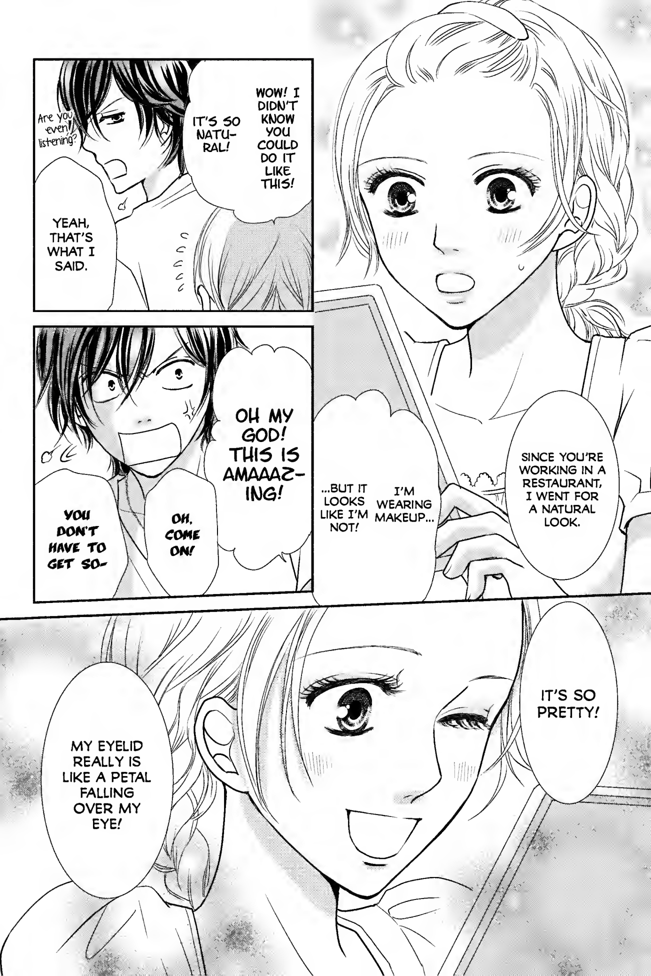

SNIFFLE
OH, GOD...
I TRIED SO HARD TO DO MY OWN MAKEUP...
I'LL HEAD BACK THERE THEN.
GO RIGHT AHEAD. ♡
HEY, MISS CAKE FACE.
START びくっ
DONE WIPING OFF YOUR MAKEUP?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN HERE?!
I'VE GOT PERMISSION TO USE THE MADAM'S MAKEUP SUPPLIES.
!!
WHAT?!
OBVIOUSLY, I'M HERE TO PERFORM AN EXORCISM.
ON WHO?!
ON YOU, DUH.
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
I WON'T LET YOU HAVE YOUR WAY WITH ME!
EXCUSE ME?

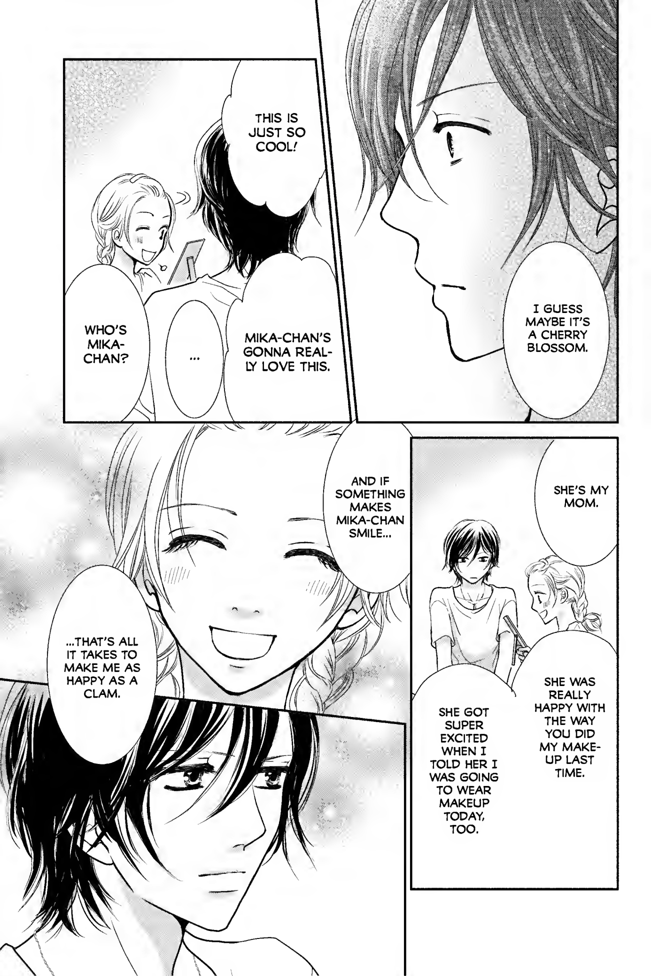

WHAT IS IT YOU WANT?! I HAVEN'T ASKED YOU TO DO MY MAKEUP!
NO, NO. NOOOOO!
YOU'RE SO DAMN WHINY!
I CAN'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH DOING MAKEUP LIKE THAT.
NOW GET OVER HERE!
NO!
IF YOU DO MY MAKEUP AGAIN, YOU'RE GONNA DO SOMETHING EVEN WORSE TO ME!
WILL YOU CAN IT?!
I'VE ALREADY DONE IT ONCE, SO A SECOND OR THIRD TIME ISN'T GONNA MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE!
!!
GRAB
NOW LET ME DO YOUR MAKEUP, GOD DAMN IT!
AGGGGH!
SO, IN THE FIRST PLACE...
...WHY ARE TRYING TO DO YOUR OWN MAKEUP WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE THE BASICS DOWN?
W-
WELL...
DON'T TELL ME...

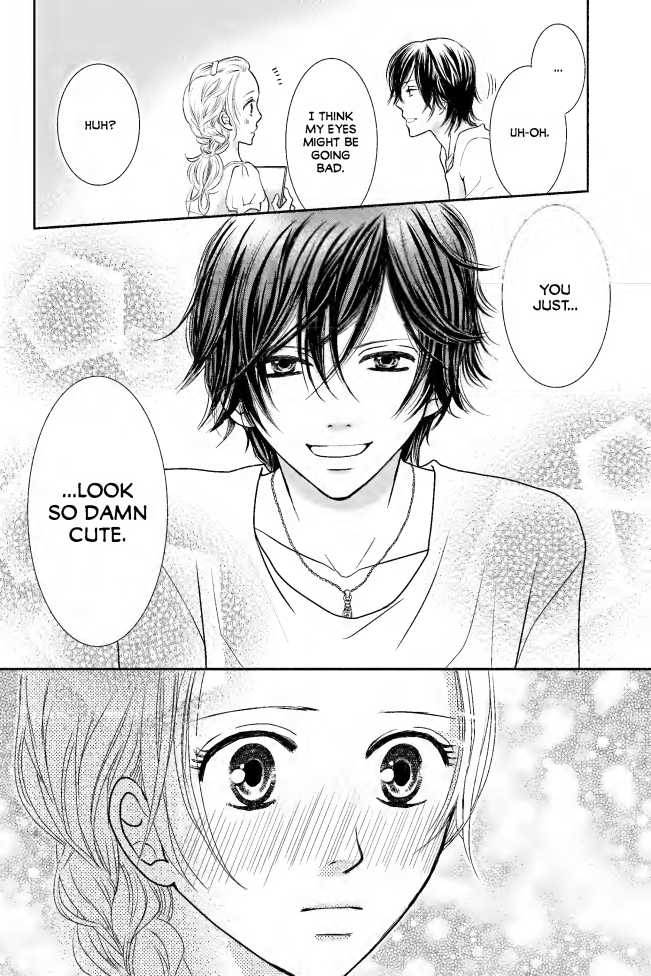

...YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON SOME BOY?
N-
BA-DUMP
NO WAY!
ALL THAT HAPPENED IS...WELL, OTOHIKO-KUN'S GOING TO BE TUTORING ME A LITTLE.
OTO-HIKO?
HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT ME BEING BEHIND...
HE MENTIONED THAT HE'D WANTED TO SEE WHAT I LOOKED LIKE WITH MAKEUP,
SO I WAS TRYING TO PRACTICE A LITTLE.
THAT WAY, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHOW HIM SOMETIME.
...
IT-
IT'S NOT LIKE I LIKE HIM OR ANYTHING.
YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG IDEA.
...UH-HUH.
WORDS FAIL ME.
YOU PITIFUL WOMAN...
HERE.
TWIST
TURN THIS WAY.

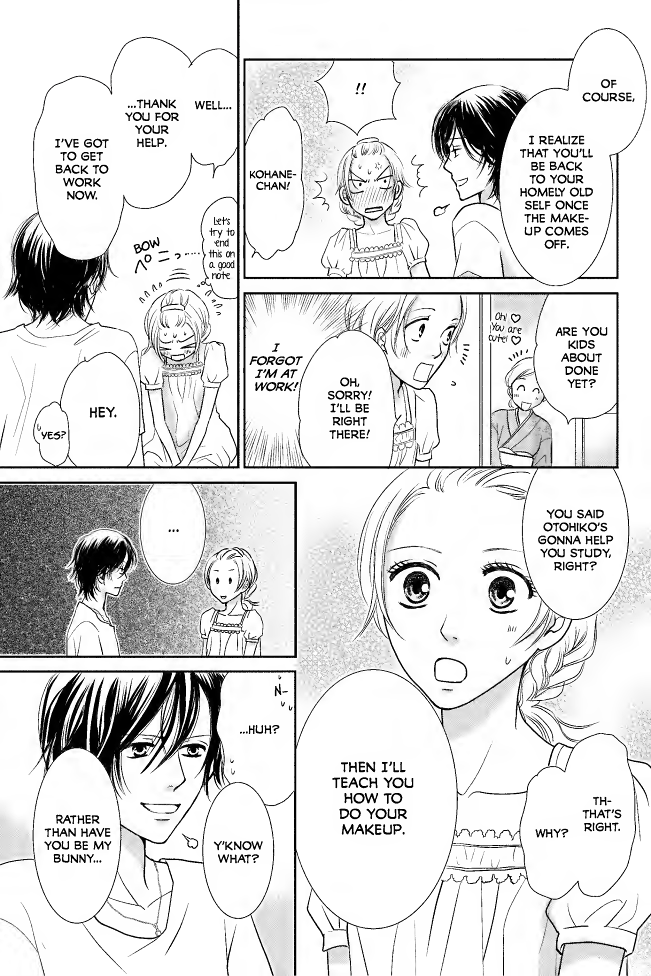

THEY SAY THE EYES ARE THE WINDOW TO THE SOUL.
YOUR MAKE-UP EARLIER WAS NOTHING BUT A POWERFUL WARDING SPELL.
A WARDING SPELL, HUH?
...
THE PUPILS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR EYES...
...SO I'LL HAVE TO USE EYE SHADOW TO DEEMPHASIZE YOUR EYELIDS.
YOU'VE GOT TO COLOR THEM EVER SO SUBTLY...
...SO THAT WHEN YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES AND CAN'T SEE WHO YOU'RE WITH...
...IT'S LIKE A PETAL'S RESTING ON TOP OF THEM.

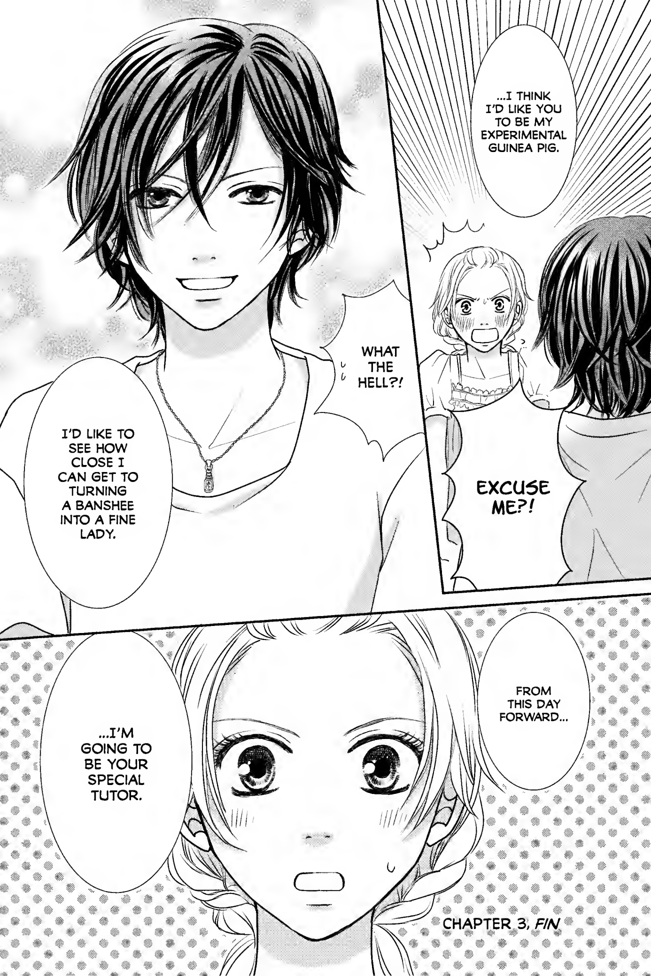

WHEN I... CLOSE MY EYES?
WHEN THEY'RE OPEN, THEY COMMUNICATE YOUR FEELINGS TO OTHERS.
WHEN YOU CLOSE THEM, THEY BECOME LIKE LITTLE PETALS THAT INVITE SOMEONE CLOSER.
FOR EXAMPLE...
...WHEN YOU'RE KISSING.
どきんっ…
BA-DUMP
KISSING...
WHAT?
HAVE YOU KISSED SOMEONE RECENTLY?
N-N-N-N-N-
NOPE!
I HAVE NOT!
THERE YOU GO.


SINCE YOU'RE WORKING IN A RESTAURANT, I WENT FOR A NATURAL LOOK.
I'M WEARING MAKEUP...
...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I'M NOT!
WOW! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD DO IT LIKE THIS!
IT'S SO NATURAL!
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I SAID.
Are you even listening?
OH MY GOD! THIS IS AMAAAZING!
OH, COME ON!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET SO-
IT'S SO PRETTY!
MY EYELID REALLY IS LIKE A PETAL FALLING OVER MY EYE!


I GUESS MAYBE IT'S A CHERRY BLOSSOM.
THIS IS JUST SO COOL!
MIKA-CHAN'S GONNA REALLY LOVE THIS.
...
WHO'S MIKA-CHAN?
SHE'S MY MOM.
SHE WAS REALLY HAPPY WITH THE WAY YOU DID MY MAKE-UP LAST TIME.
SHE GOT SUPER EXCITED WHEN I TOLD HER I WAS GOING TO WEAR MAKEUP TODAY, TOO.
AND IF SOMETHING MAKES MIKA-CHAN SMILE...
...THAT'S ALL IT TAKES TO MAKE ME AS HAPPY AS A CLAM.


...
UH-OH.
I THINK MY EYES MIGHT BE GOING BAD.
HUH?
YOU JUST...
...LOOK SO DAMN CUTE.


OF COURSE,
I REALIZE THAT YOU'LL BE BACK TO YOUR HOMELY OLD SELF ONCE THE MAKE-UP COMES OFF.
!!
KOHANE-CHAN!
ARE YOU KIDS ABOUT DONE YET?
Oh! ♡ You are cute! ♡
OH, SORRY! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
I FORGOT I'M AT WORK!
WELL...
...THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.
I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO WORK NOW.
BOW
Let's try to end this on a good note
HEY.
YES?
...
N-
...HUH?
Y'KNOW WHAT?
RATHER THAN HAVE YOU BE MY BUNNY...
YOU SAID OTOHIKO'S GONNA HELP YOU STUDY, RIGHT?
TH-THAT'S RIGHT.
WHY?
THEN I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO DO YOUR MAKEUP.


...I THINK I'D LIKE YOU TO BE MY EXPERIMENTAL GUINEA PIG.
EXCUSE ME?!
WHAT THE HELL?!
I'D LIKE TO SEE HOW CLOSE I CAN GET TO TURNING A BANSHEE INTO A FINE LADY.
FROM THIS DAY FORWARD...
...I'M GOING TO BE YOUR SPECIAL TUTOR.

CHAPTER 3, *FIN*

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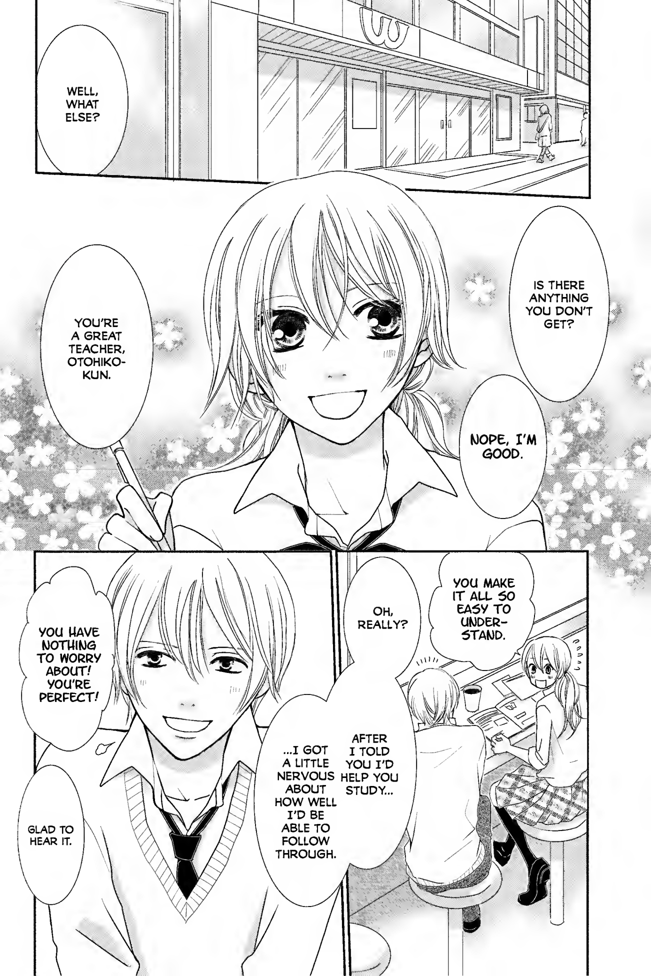
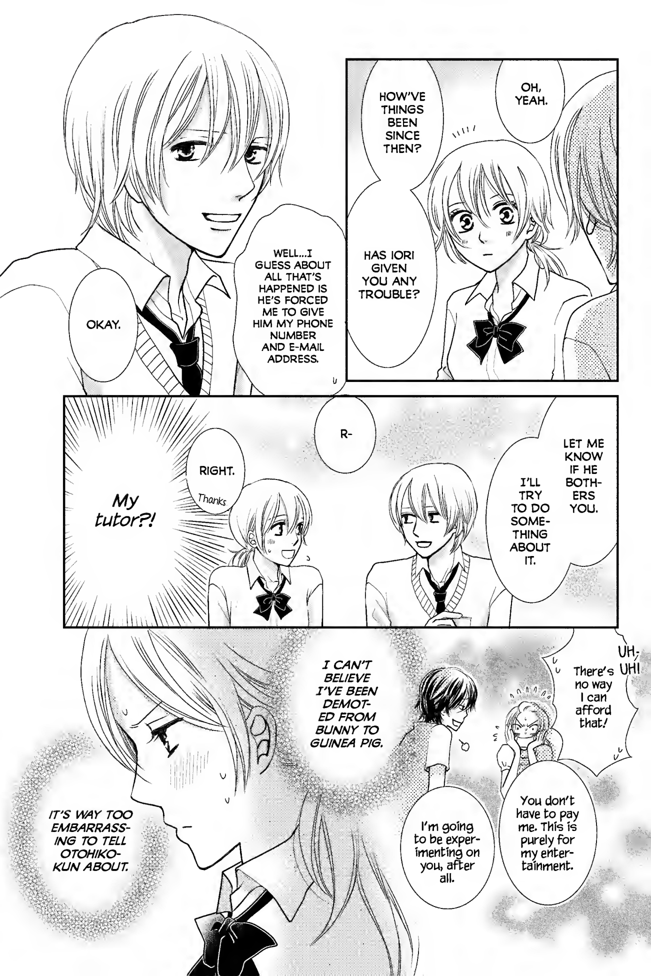
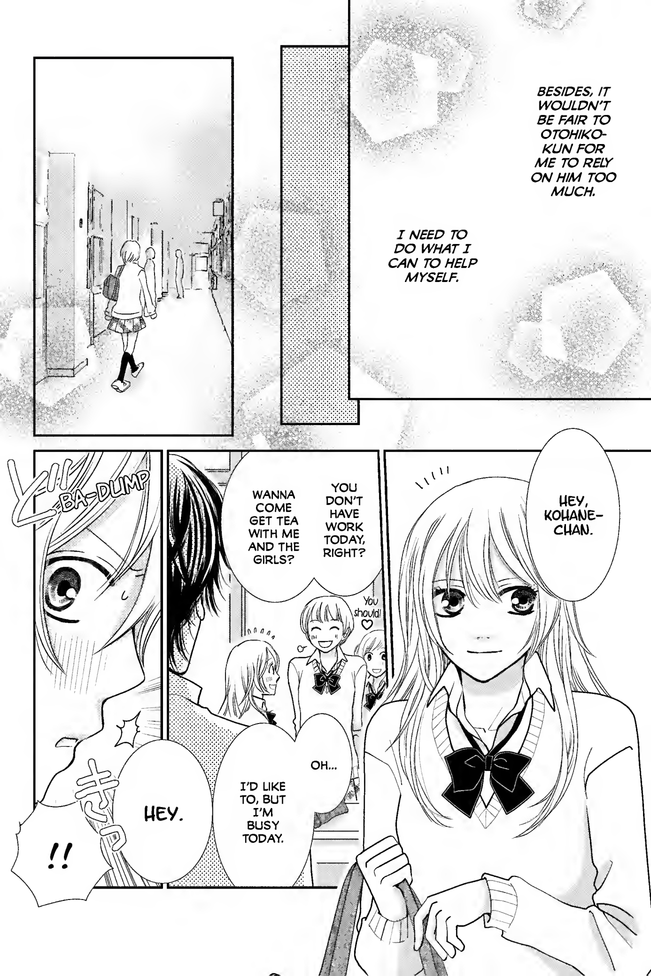
An Unexpected Guest

BeautyBunny


WELL, WHAT ELSE?
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU DON'T GET?
NOPE, I'M GOOD.
YOU'RE A GREAT TEACHER, OTOHIKO-KUN.
YOU MAKE IT ALL SO EASY TO UNDERSTAND.
OH, REALLY?
AFTER I TOLD YOU I'D HELP YOU STUDY...
...I GOT A LITTLE NERVOUS ABOUT HOW WELL I'D BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THROUGH.
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! YOU'RE PERFECT!
GLAD TO HEAR IT.


OH, YEAH.
HOW'VE THINGS BEEN SINCE THEN?
HAS IORI GIVEN YOU ANY TROUBLE?
WELL...I GUESS ABOUT ALL THAT'S HAPPENED IS HE'S FORCED ME TO GIVE HIM MY PHONE NUMBER AND E-MAIL ADDRESS.
OKAY.
LET ME KNOW IF HE BOTHERS YOU.
I'LL TRY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
R-
RIGHT.
Thanks
My tutor?!
UH, UH!
There's no way I can afford that!
You don't have to pay me. This is purely for my entertainment.
I'm going to be experimenting on you, after all.
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'VE BEEN DEMOTED FROM BUNNY TO GUINEA PIG.
IT'S WAY TOO EMBARRASSING TO TELL OTOHIKO-KUN ABOUT.


BESIDES, IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO OTOHIKO-KUN FOR ME TO RELY ON HIM TOO MUCH.
I NEED TO DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP MYSELF.
HEY, KOHANE-CHAN.
YOU DON'T HAVE WORK TODAY, RIGHT?
WANNA COME GET TEA WITH ME AND THE GIRLS?
You should! ♡
OH...
I'D LIKE TO, BUT I'M BUSY TODAY.
BA-DUMP
HEY.
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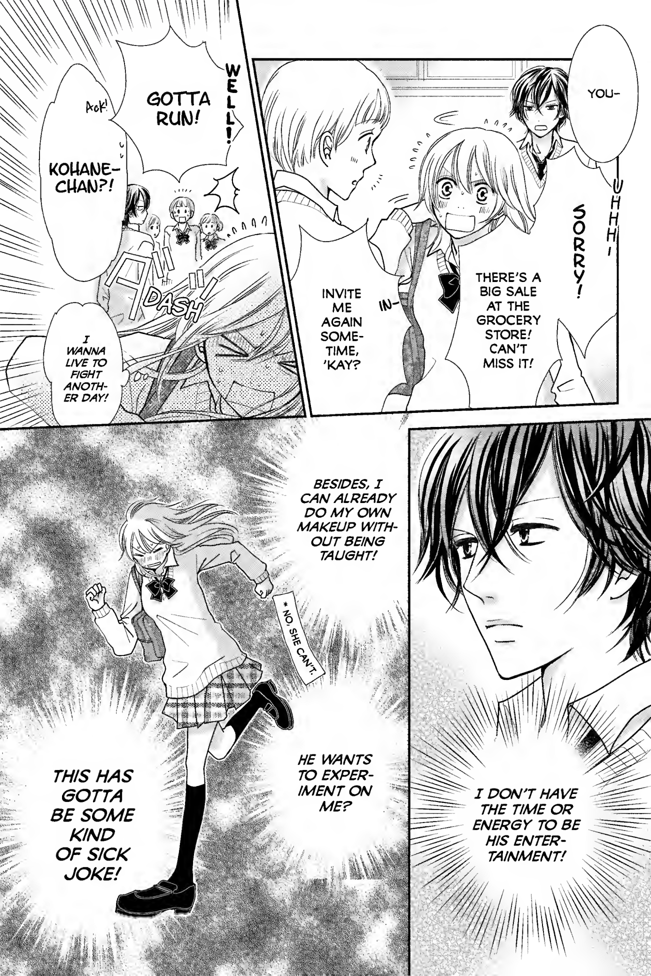
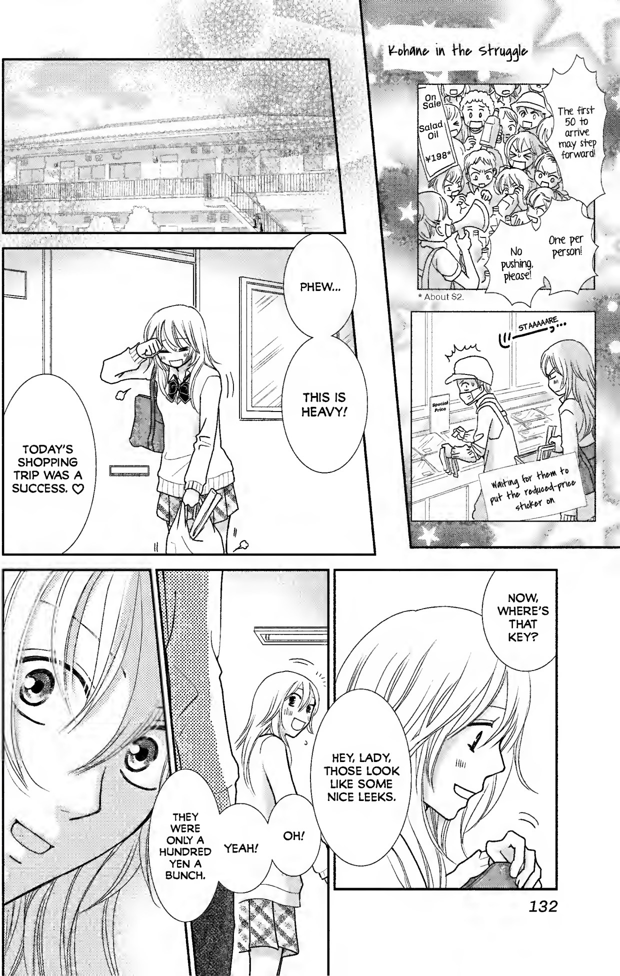
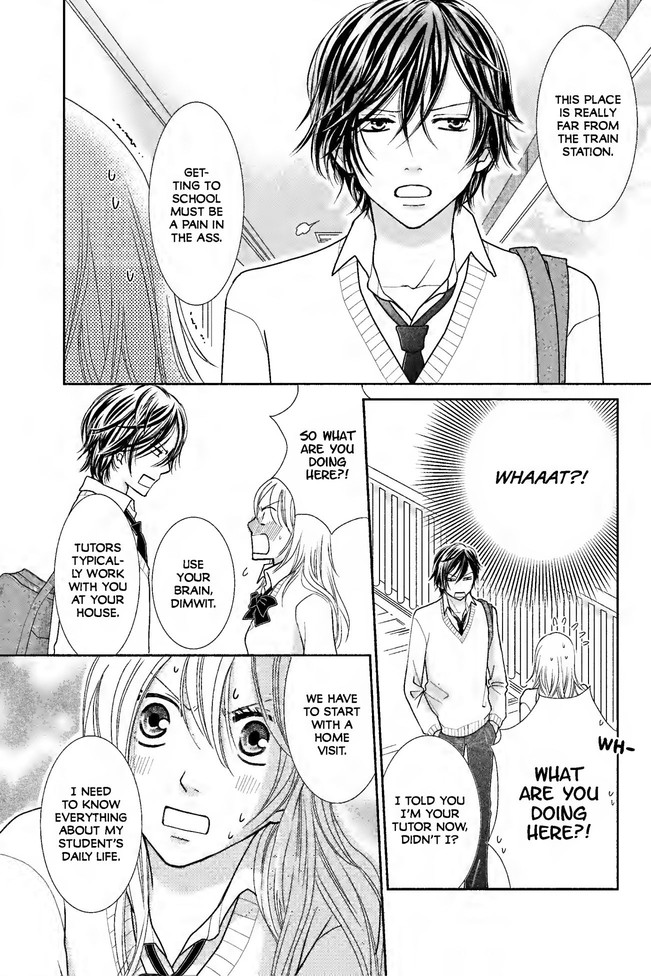
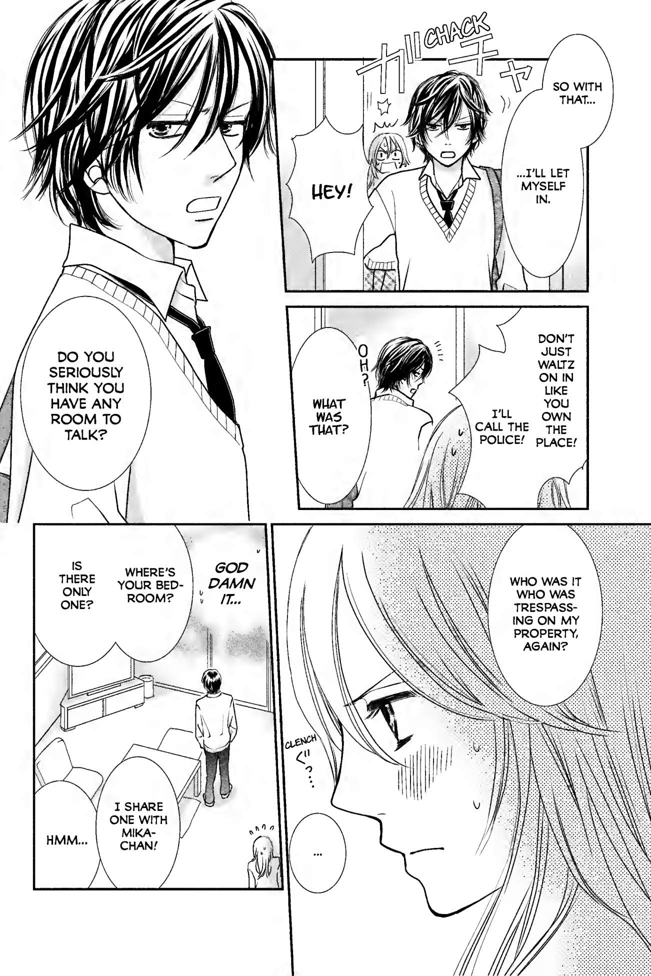
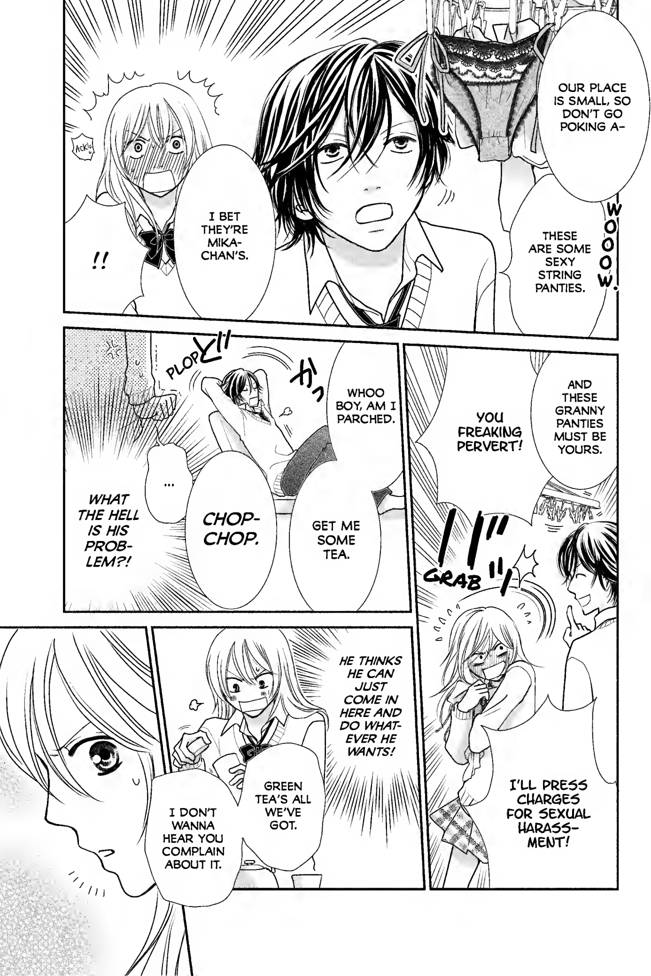

YOU-
UHHH!
SORRY!
THERE'S A BIG SALE AT THE GROCERY STORE! CAN'T MISS IT!
IN-
INVITE ME AGAIN SOMETIME, 'KAY?
WELL!
GOTTA RUN!
Ack!
KOHANE-CHAN?!
AH!!
DASH
I WANNA LIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY!
HE WANTS TO EXPERIMENT ON ME?
THIS HAS GOTTA BE SOME KIND OF SICK JOKE!
BESIDES, I CAN ALREADY DO MY OWN MAKEUP WITHOUT BEING TAUGHT!
* NO, SHE CAN'T.
I DON'T HAVE THE TIME OR ENERGY TO BE HIS ENTERTAINMENT!


Kohane in the struggle
On Sale
Salad Oil
¥198*
The first 50 to arrive may step forward!
One per person!
No pushing, please!
STAAAAARE...
Special Price
Waiting for them to put the reduced-price sticker on
PHEW...
THIS IS HEAVY!
TODAY'S SHOPPING TRIP WAS A SUCCESS. ♡
NOW, WHERE'S THAT KEY?
HEY, LADY, THOSE LOOK LIKE SOME NICE LEEKS.
OH!
YEAH!
THEY WERE ONLY A HUNDRED YEN A BUNCH.

* About $2.


THIS PLACE IS REALLY FAR FROM THE TRAIN STATION.
GETTING TO SCHOOL MUST BE A PAIN IN THE ASS.
WHAAAT?!
WH-
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
I TOLD YOU I'M YOUR TUTOR NOW, DIDN'T I?
SO WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
USE YOUR BRAIN, DIMWIT.
TUTORS TYPICALLY WORK WITH YOU AT YOUR HOUSE.
WE HAVE TO START WITH A HOME VISIT.
I NEED TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT MY STUDENT'S DAILY LIFE.


CHACK
SO WITH THAT...
...I'LL LET MYSELF IN.
HEY!
DON'T JUST WALTZ ON IN LIKE YOU OWN THE PLACE!
I'LL CALL THE POLICE!
OH?
WHAT WAS THAT?
DO YOU SERIOUSLY THINK YOU HAVE ANY ROOM TO TALK?
WHO WAS IT WHO WAS TRESPASSING ON MY PROPERTY, AGAIN?
CLENCH
...
GOD DAMN IT...
WHERE'S YOUR BEDROOM?
IS THERE ONLY ONE?
I SHARE ONE WITH MIKA-CHAN!
HMM...


OUR PLACE IS SMALL, SO DON'T GO POKING A-
WOOOOW.
THESE ARE SOME SEXY STRING PANTIES.
I BET THEY'RE MIKA-CHAN'S.
Ack!
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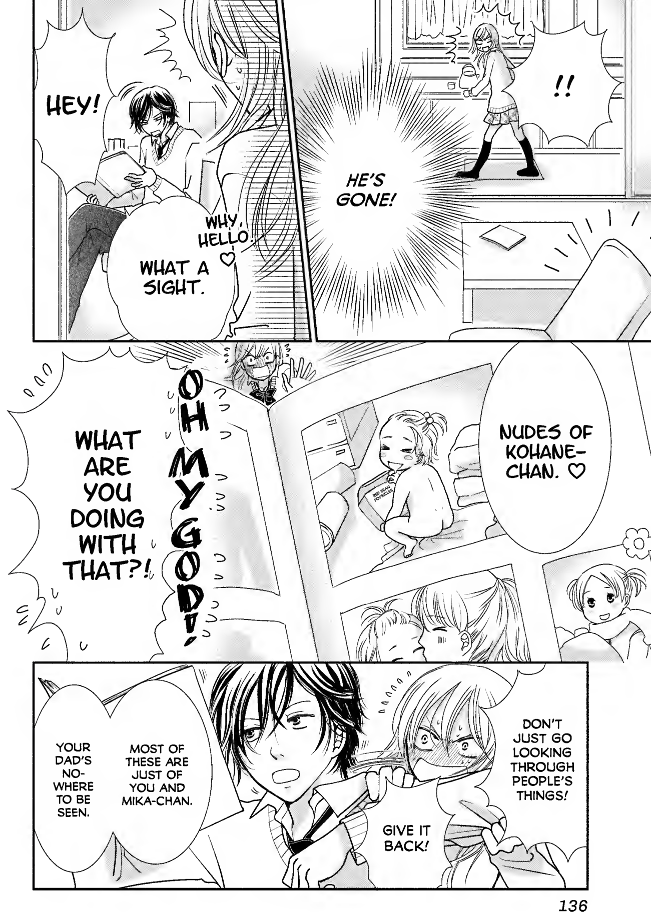
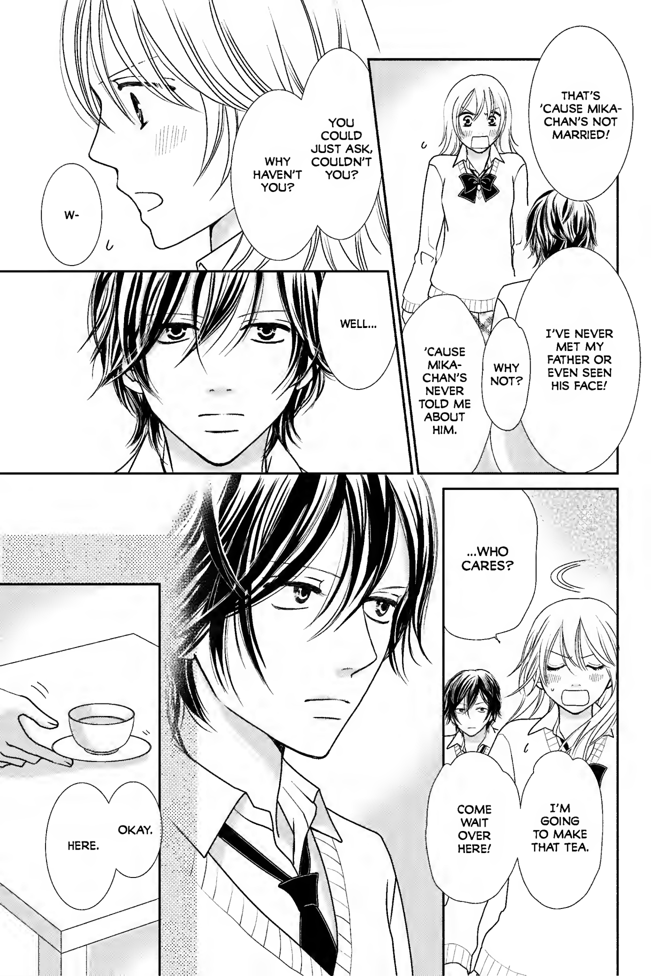
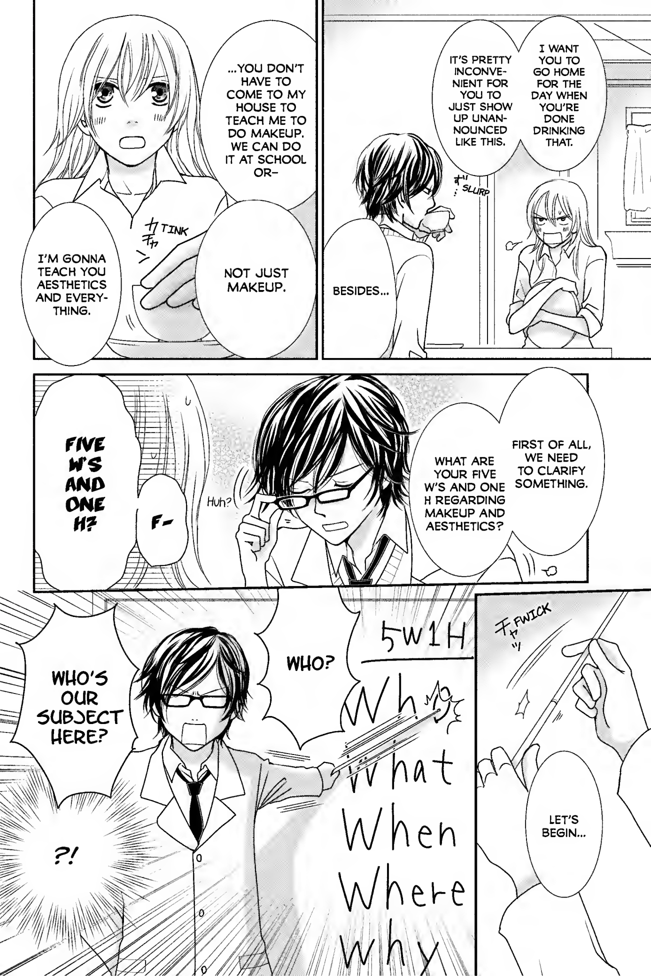
AND THESE GRANNY PANTIES MUST BE YOURS.
YOU FREAKING PERVERT!
GRAB
I'LL PRESS CHARGES FOR SEXUAL HARASSMENT!
WHOO BOY, AM I PARCHED.
ガッ
PLOP
GET ME SOME TEA.
CHOP-CHOP.
...
WHAT THE HELL IS HIS PROBLEM?!
HE THINKS HE CAN JUST COME IN HERE AND DO WHATEVER HE WANTS!
GREEN TEA'S ALL WE'VE GOT.
I DON'T WANNA HEAR YOU COMPLAIN ABOUT IT.


!!
HE'S GONE!
HEY!
WHY, HELLO. ♡
WHAT A SIGHT.
NUDES OF KOHANE-CHAN. ♡
RED BEAN POPSICLES
OH MY GOD!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT?!
DON'T JUST GO LOOKING THROUGH PEOPLE'S THINGS!
GIVE IT BACK!
MOST OF THESE ARE JUST OF YOU AND MIKA-CHAN.
YOUR DAD'S NOWHERE TO BE SEEN.


THAT'S 'CAUSE MIKA-CHAN'S NOT MARRIED!
I'VE NEVER MET MY FATHER OR EVEN SEEN HIS FACE!
WHY NOT?
'CAUSE MIKA-CHAN'S NEVER TOLD ME ABOUT HIM.
YOU COULD JUST ASK, COULDN'T YOU?
WHY HAVEN'T YOU?
W-
WELL...
...WHO CARES?
I'M GOING TO MAKE THAT TEA.
COME WAIT OVER HERE!
OKAY.
HERE.


I WANT YOU TO GO HOME FOR THE DAY WHEN YOU'RE DONE DRINKING THAT.
IT'S PRETTY INCONVENIENT FOR YOU TO JUST SHOW UP UNANNOUNCED LIKE THIS.
ずっ SLURP
BESIDES...
...YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME TO MY HOUSE TO TEACH ME TO DO MAKEUP. WE CAN DO IT AT SCHOOL OR–
カチャ TINK
NOT JUST MAKEUP.
I'M GONNA TEACH YOU AESTHETICS AND EVERYTHING.
FIRST OF ALL, WE NEED TO CLARIFY SOMETHING.
WHAT ARE YOUR FIVE W'S AND ONE H REGARDING MAKEUP AND AESTHETICS?
Huh?
F–
FIVE W'S AND ONE H?
チャッ FWICK
LET'S BEGIN...
5W1H
Who
What
When
Where
Why
WHO?
WHO'S OUR SUBJECT HERE?
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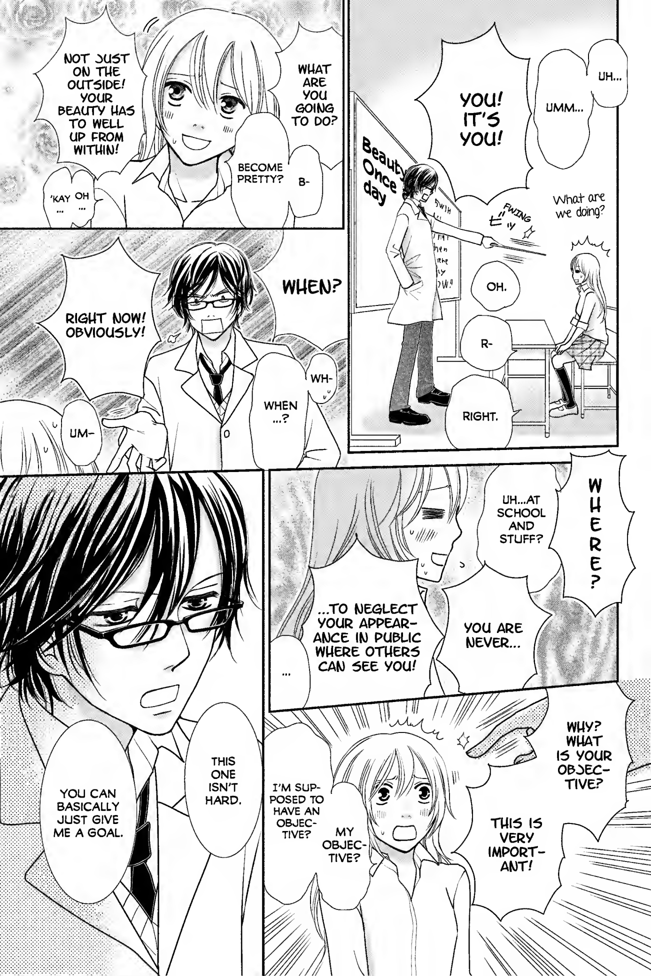
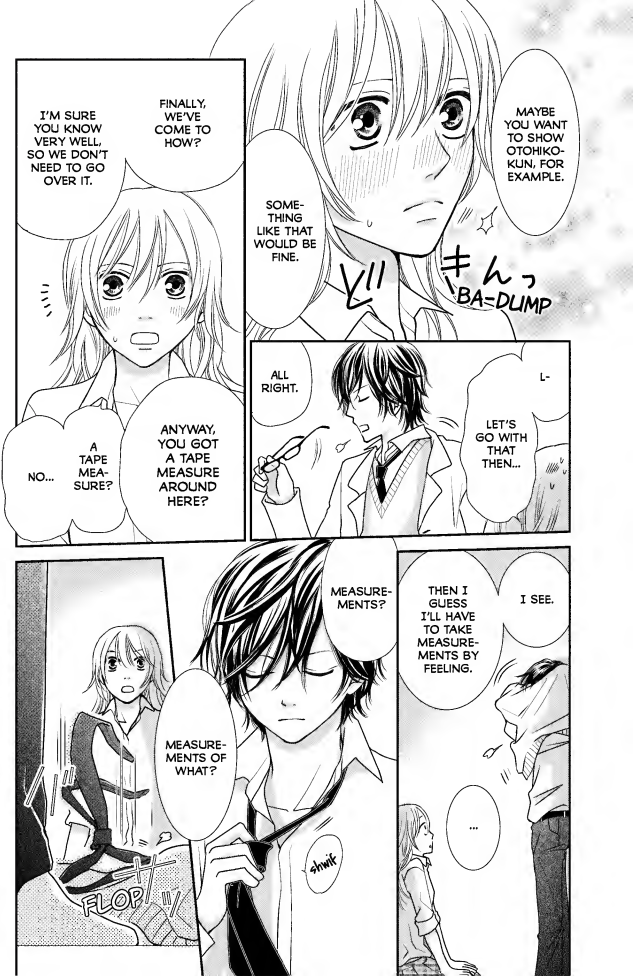

UH...
UMM...
YOU! IT'S YOU!
Beauty Once day
FWING
What are we doing?
OH.
R-
RIGHT.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
BECOME PRETTY?
B-
NOT JUST ON THE OUTSIDE! YOUR BEAUTY HAS TO WELL UP FROM WITHIN!
OH ...
'KAY ...
WHEN?
WH-
WHEN ...?
RIGHT NOW! OBVIOUSLY!
UM-
WHERE?
UH...AT SCHOOL AND STUFF?
YOU ARE NEVER...
...TO NEGLECT YOUR APPEARANCE IN PUBLIC WHERE OTHERS CAN SEE YOU!
...
WHY? WHAT IS YOUR OBJECTIVE?
THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!
MY OBJECTIVE?
I'M SUPPOSED TO HAVE AN OBJECTIVE?
THIS ONE ISN'T HARD.
YOU CAN BASICALLY JUST GIVE ME A GOAL.


MAYBE YOU WANT TO SHOW OTOHIKO-KUN, FOR EXAMPLE.
SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD BE FINE.
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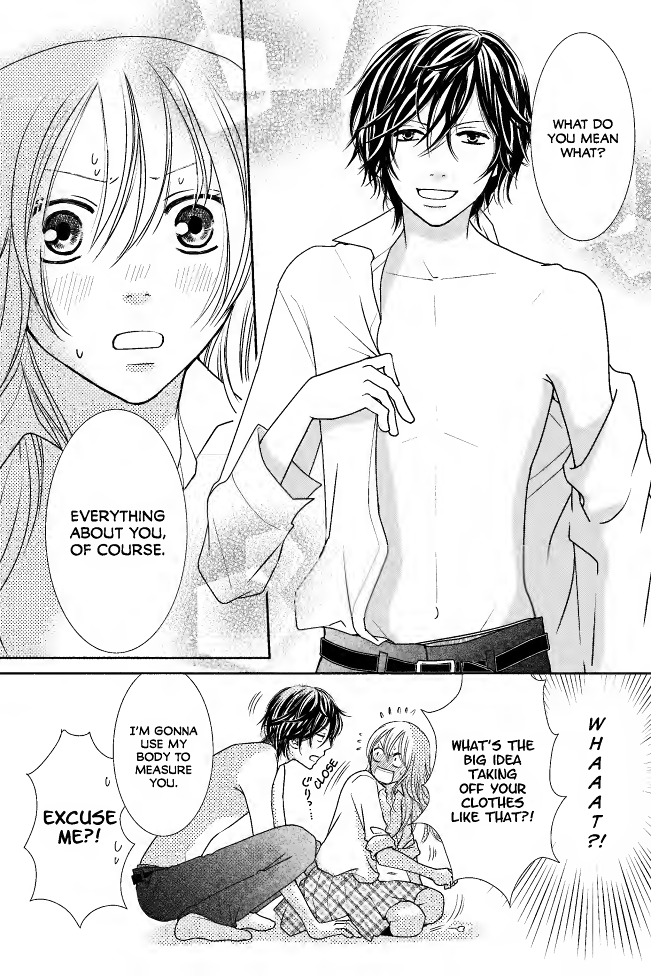
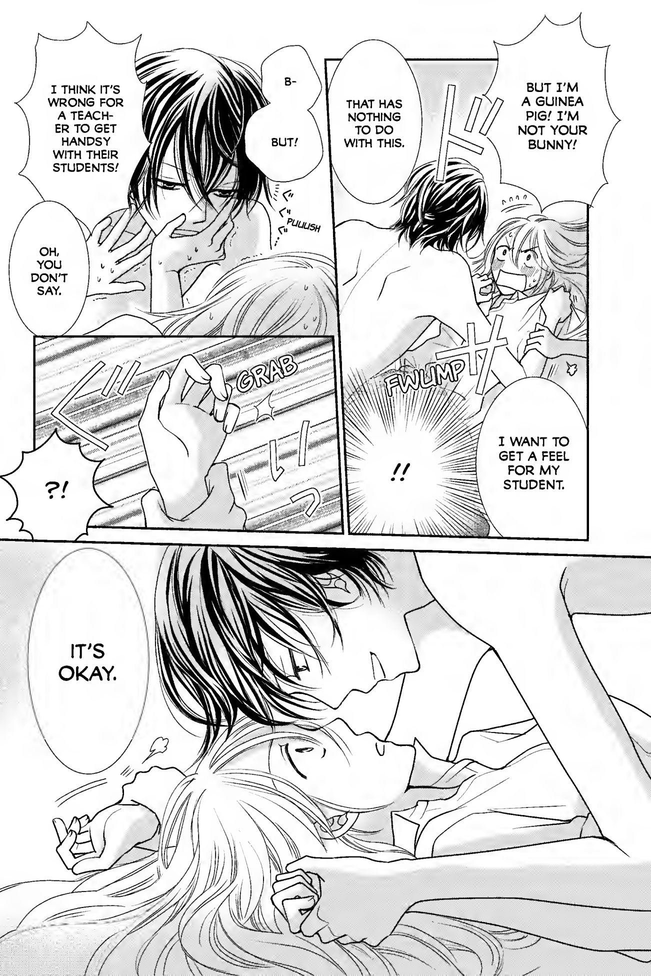
キんっ
BA-DUMP
L-
LET'S GO WITH THAT THEN...
ALL RIGHT.
FINALLY, WE'VE COME TO HOW?
I'M SURE YOU KNOW VERY WELL, SO WE DON'T NEED TO GO OVER IT.
ANYWAY, YOU GOT A TAPE MEASURE AROUND HERE?
A TAPE MEASURE?
NO...
I SEE.
THEN I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO TAKE MEASUREMENTS BY FEELING.
...
MEASUREMENTS?
MEASUREMENTS OF WHAT?
shwif
FLOP


WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHAT?
EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU, OF COURSE.
WHAAAAT?!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA TAKING OFF YOUR CLOTHES LIKE THAT?!
CLOSE
I'M GONNA USE MY BODY TO MEASURE YOU.
EXCUSE ME?!


I THINK IT'S WRONG FOR A TEACHER TO GET HANDSY WITH THEIR STUDENTS!
OH, YOU DON'T SAY.
B- BUT!
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PUUUSH
BUT I'M A GUINEA PIG! I'M NOT YOUR BUNNY!
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.
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GRAB
?!
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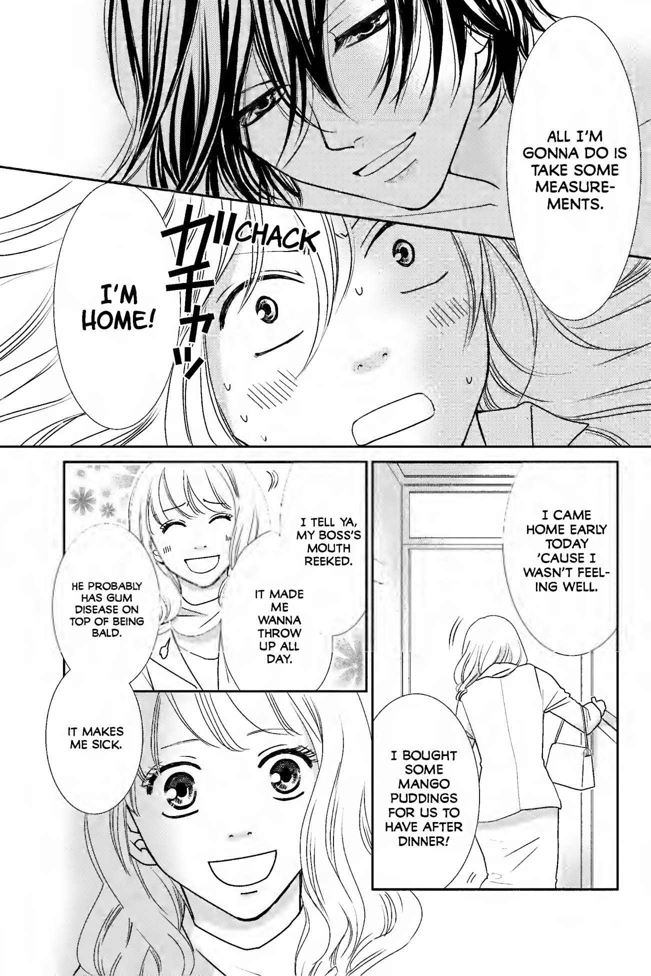
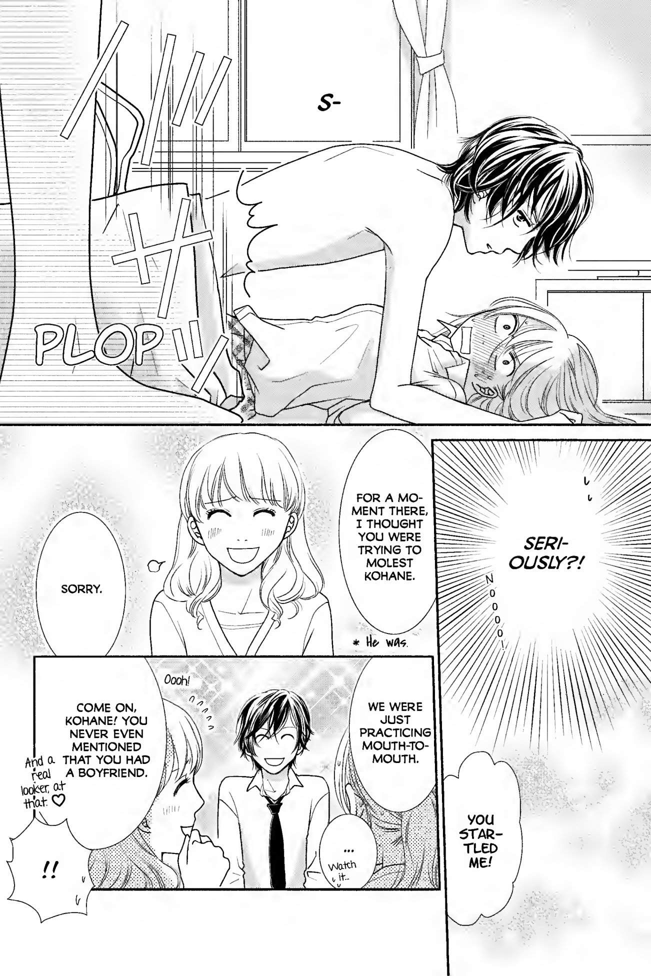
FWLUMP
!!
I WANT TO GET A FEEL FOR MY STUDENT.
IT'S OKAY.


ALL I'M GONNA DO IS TAKE SOME MEASUREMENTS.
カチャッ CHACK
I'M HOME!
I CAME HOME EARLY TODAY 'CAUSE I WASN'T FEELING WELL.
I BOUGHT SOME MANGO PUDDINGS FOR US TO HAVE AFTER DINNER!
I TELL YA, MY BOSS'S MOUTH REEKED.
IT MADE ME WANNA THROW UP ALL DAY.
HE PROBABLY HAS GUM DISEASE ON TOP OF BEING BALD.
IT MAKES ME SICK.


S-
PLOP!!
SERI-OUSLY?!
Noooo!
YOU STARTLED ME!
FOR A MOMENT THERE, I THOUGHT YOU WERE TRYING TO MOLEST KOHANE.
SORRY.
* He was.
WE WERE JUST PRACTICING MOUTH-TO-MOUTH.
Oooh!
...
Watch it...
COME ON, KOHANE! YOU NEVER EVEN MENTIONED THAT YOU HAD A BOYFRIEND.
And a real looker, at that. ♡
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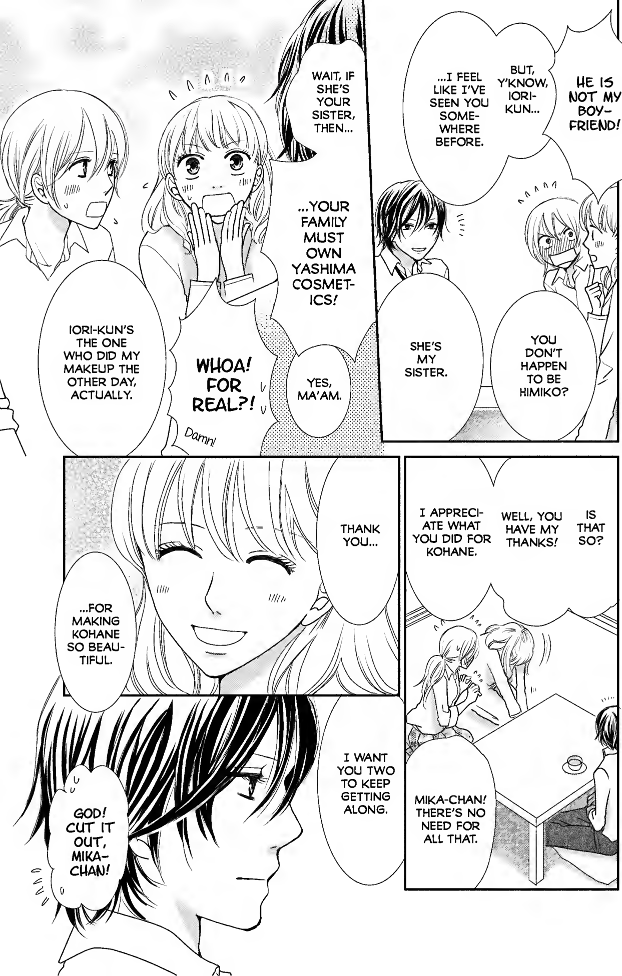
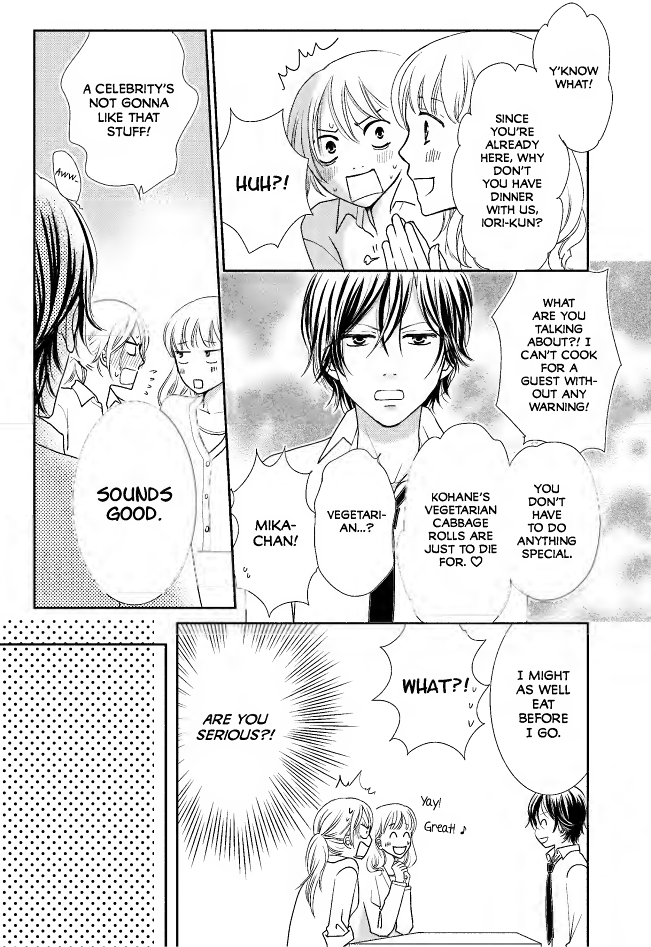
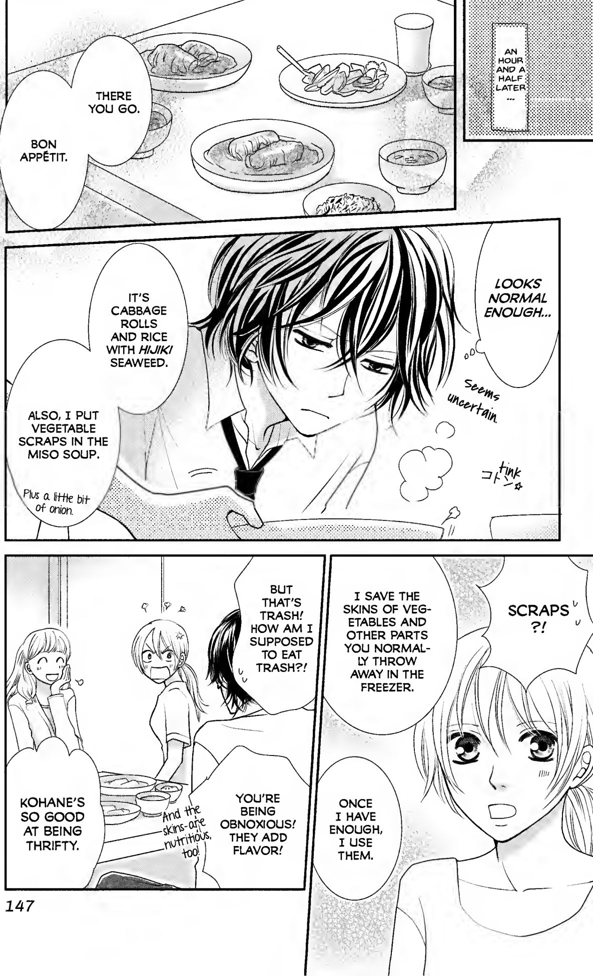
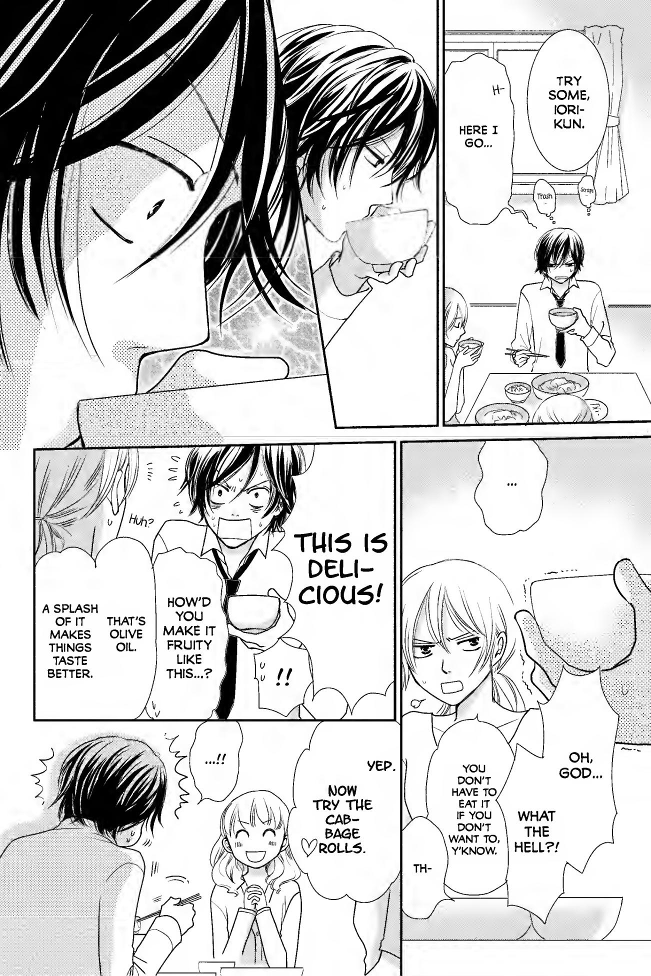
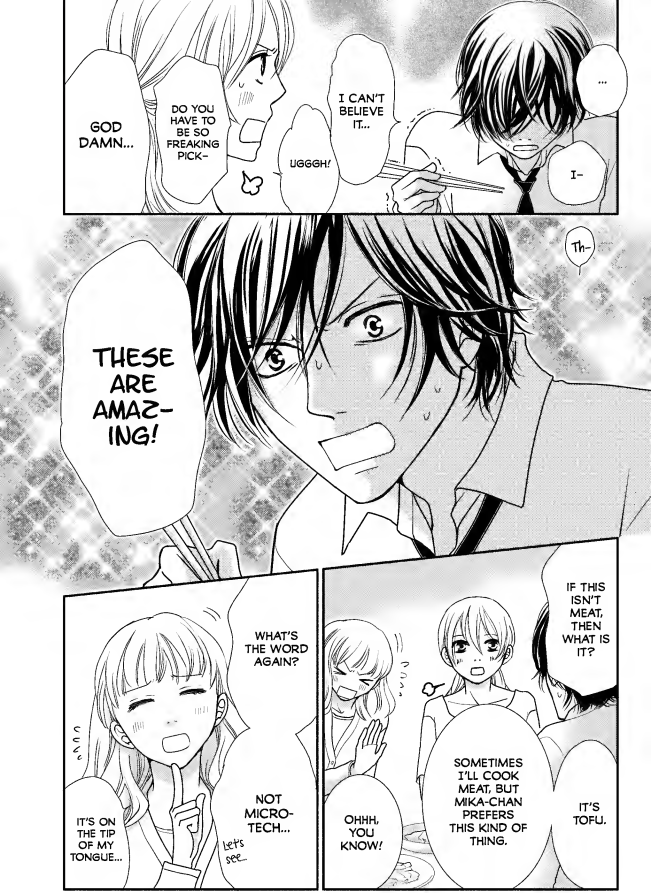
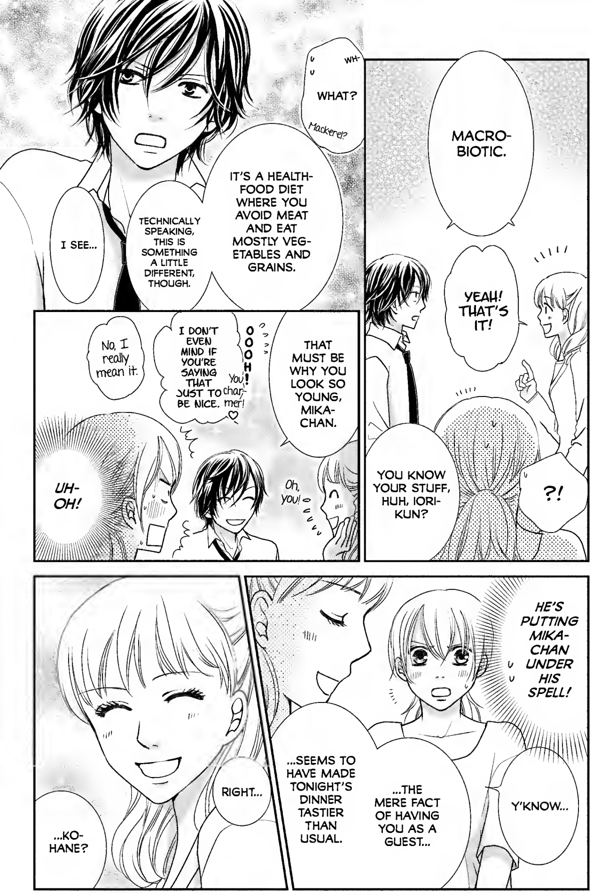

HE IS NOT MY BOYFRIEND!
BUT, Y'KNOW, IORI-KUN...
...I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN YOU SOMEWHERE BEFORE.
YOU DON'T HAPPEN TO BE HIMIKO?
SHE'S MY SISTER.
WAIT, IF SHE'S YOUR SISTER, THEN...
...YOUR FAMILY MUST OWN YASHIMA COSMETICS!
YES, MA'AM.
WHOA! FOR REAL?!
Damn!
IORI-KUN'S THE ONE WHO DID MY MAKEUP THE OTHER DAY, ACTUALLY.
IS THAT SO?
WELL, YOU HAVE MY THANKS!
I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU DID FOR KOHANE.
MIKA-CHAN! THERE'S NO NEED FOR ALL THAT.
THANK YOU...
...FOR MAKING KOHANE SO BEAUTIFUL.
I WANT YOU TWO TO KEEP GETTING ALONG.
GOD! CUT IT OUT, MIKA-CHAN!

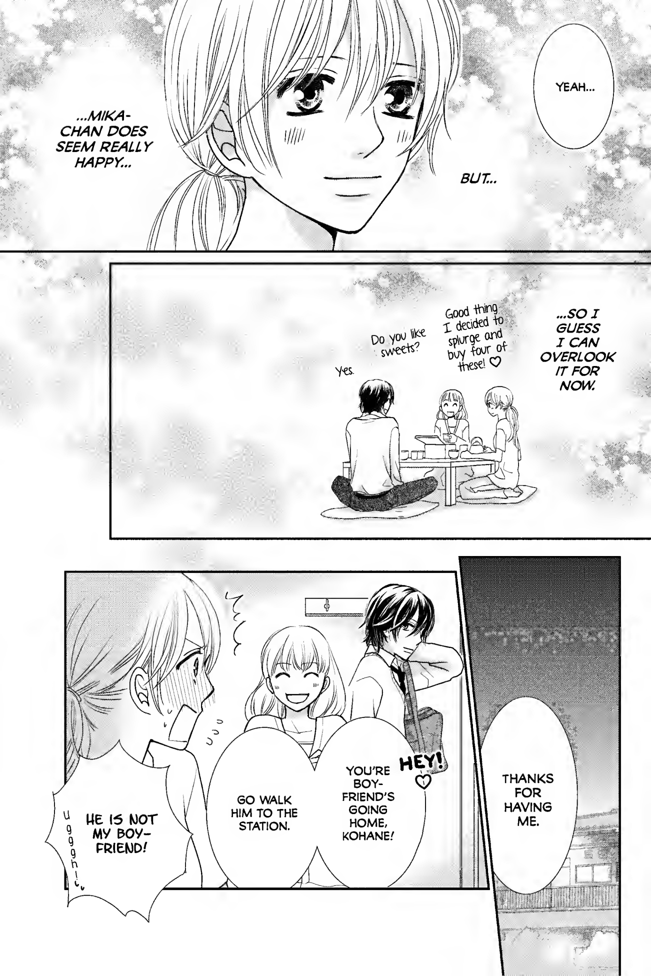

Y'KNOW WHAT!
SINCE YOU'RE ALREADY HERE, WHY DON'T YOU HAVE DINNER WITH US, IORI-KUN?
HUH?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! I CAN'T COOK FOR A GUEST WITHOUT ANY WARNING!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING SPECIAL.
KOHANE'S VEGETARIAN CABBAGE ROLLS ARE JUST TO DIE FOR. ♡
VEGETARIAN...?
MIKA-CHAN!
A CELEBRITY'S NOT GONNA LIKE THAT STUFF!
Aww...
SOUNDS GOOD.
I MIGHT AS WELL EAT BEFORE I GO.
WHAT?!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
Yay!
Great! ♪

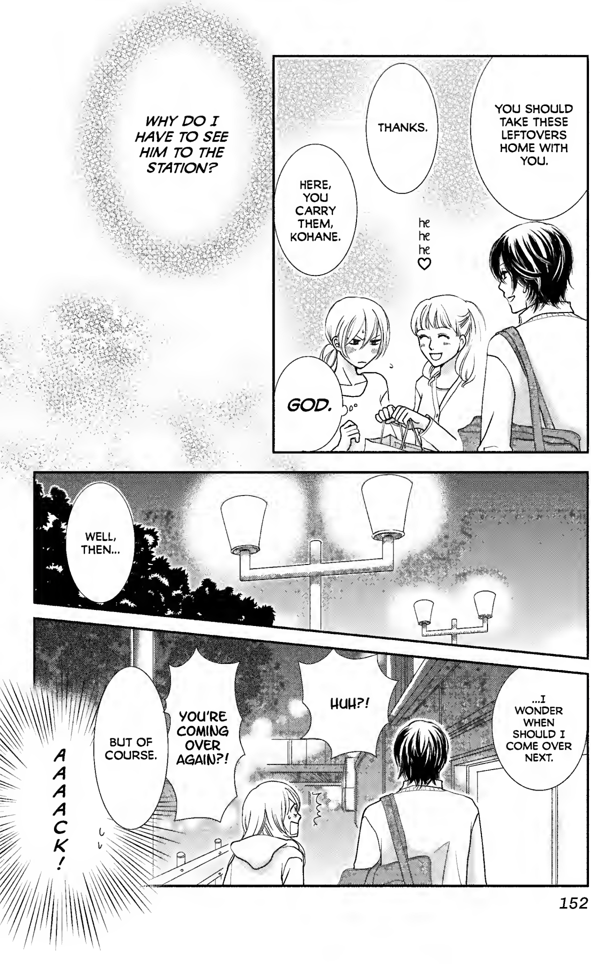

AN HOUR AND A HALF LATER...
THERE YOU GO.
BON APPÉTIT.
LOOKS NORMAL ENOUGH...
Seems uncertain.
コトン tink
IT'S CABBAGE ROLLS AND RICE WITH HIJIKI SEAWEED.
ALSO, I PUT VEGETABLE SCRAPS IN THE MISO SOUP.
Plus a little bit of onion.
SCRAPS?!
I SAVE THE SKINS OF VEGETABLES AND OTHER PARTS YOU NORMALLY THROW AWAY IN THE FREEZER.
ONCE I HAVE ENOUGH, I USE THEM.
BUT THAT'S TRASH! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO EAT TRASH?!
YOU'RE BEING OBNOXIOUS! THEY ADD FLAVOR!
And the skins are nutritious, too!
KOHANE'S SO GOOD AT BEING THRIFTY.

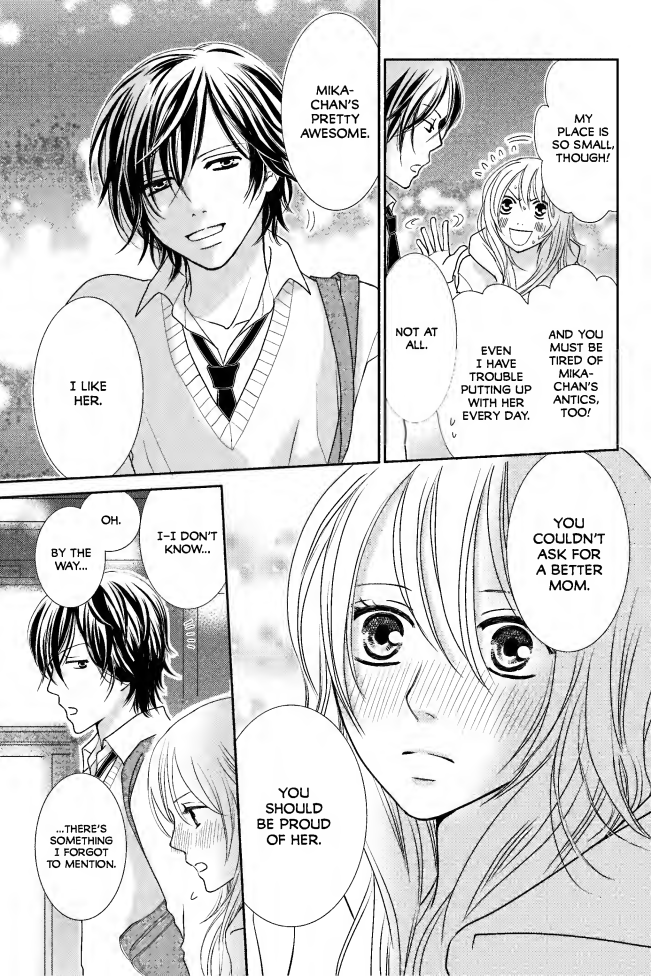

TRY SOME, IORI-KUN.
H- HERE I GO...
Trash
Scraps
...
OH, GOD... WHAT THE HELL?!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO EAT IT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO, Y'KNOW.
TH-
THIS IS DELICIOUS!
HOW'D YOU MAKE IT FRUITY LIKE THIS...?
Huh?
THAT'S OLIVE OIL.
A SPLASH OF IT MAKES THINGS TASTE BETTER.
!!
YEP.
NOW TRY THE CABBAGE ROLLS. ♡
...!!

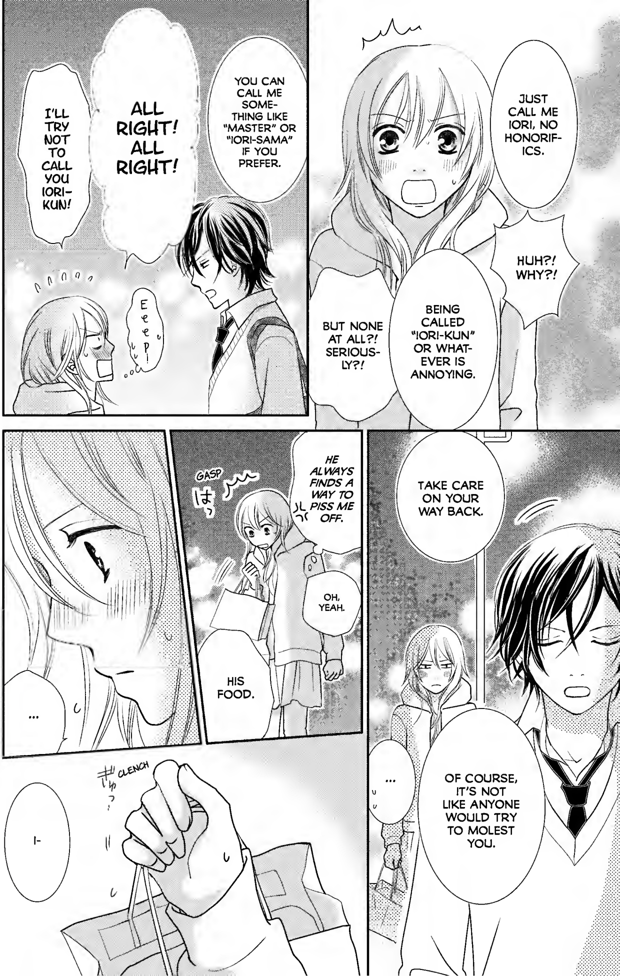

…
I-
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT…
UGGGH!
DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO FREAKING PICK-
GOD DAMN…
Th-
THESE ARE AMAZ-ING!
IF THIS ISN'T MEAT, THEN WHAT IS IT?
IT'S TOFU.
SOMETIMES I'LL COOK MEAT, BUT MIKA-CHAN PREFERS THIS KIND OF THING.
OHHH, YOU KNOW!
WHAT'S THE WORD AGAIN?
NOT MICRO-TECH…
Let's see…
IT'S ON THE TIP OF MY TONGUE…


MACRO-BIOTIC.
WH- WHAT?
Mackerel?
IT'S A HEALTH-FOOD DIET WHERE YOU AVOID MEAT AND EAT MOSTLY VEGETABLES AND GRAINS.
TECHNICALLY SPEAKING, THIS IS SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT, THOUGH.
I SEE...
YEAH! THAT'S IT!
?!
YOU KNOW YOUR STUFF, HUH, IORI-KUN?
THAT MUST BE WHY YOU LOOK SO YOUNG, MIKA-CHAN.
OOOH!
Oh, you!
I DON'T EVEN MIND IF YOU'RE SAYING THAT JUST TO BE NICE.
You charmer!
No, I really mean it.
UH-OH!
HE'S PUTTING MIKA-CHAN UNDER HIS SPELL!
Y'KNOW...
...THE MERE FACT OF HAVING YOU AS A GUEST...
...SEEMS TO HAVE MADE TONIGHT'S DINNER TASTIER THAN USUAL.
RIGHT...
...KO-HANE?


YEAH...
BUT...
...MIKA-CHAN DOES SEEM REALLY HAPPY...
...SO I GUESS I CAN OVERLOOK IT FOR NOW.
Good thing I decided to splurge and buy four of these! ♡
Do you like sweets?
Yes.
THANKS FOR HAVING ME.
HEY! ♡
YOU'RE BOY-FRIEND'S GOING HOME, KOHANE!
GO WALK HIM TO THE STATION.
HE IS NOT MY BOY-FRIEND!
Ugggh!


YOU SHOULD TAKE THESE LEFTOVERS HOME WITH YOU.
THANKS.
he he he ♡
HERE, YOU CARRY THEM, KOHANE.
GOD.
WHY DO I HAVE TO SEE HIM TO THE STATION?
WELL, THEN...
...I WONDER WHEN SHOULD I COME OVER NEXT.
HUH?!
YOU'RE COMING OVER AGAIN?!
BUT OF COURSE.
AAAACK!


MY PLACE IS SO SMALL, THOUGH!
AND YOU MUST BE TIRED OF MIKA-CHAN'S ANTICS, TOO!
EVEN I HAVE TROUBLE PUTTING UP WITH HER EVERY DAY.
NOT AT ALL.
MIKA-CHAN'S PRETTY AWESOME.
I LIKE HER.
YOU COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER MOM.
YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF HER.
I-I DON'T KNOW...
OH.
BY THE WAY...
...THERE'S SOMETHING I FORGOT TO MENTION.


JUST CALL ME IORI, NO HONORIFICS.
HUH?! WHY?!
BEING CALLED "IORI-KUN" OR WHATEVER IS ANNOYING.
BUT NONE AT ALL?! SERIOUSLY?!
YOU CAN CALL ME SOMETHING LIKE "MASTER" OR "IORI-SAMA" IF YOU PREFER.
ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT!
I'LL TRY NOT TO CALL YOU IORI-KUN!
Eeep!
TAKE CARE ON YOUR WAY BACK.
OF COURSE, IT'S NOT LIKE ANYONE WOULD TRY TO MOLEST YOU.
...
HE ALWAYS FINDS A WAY TO PISS ME OFF.
GASP
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OH, YEAH.
HIS FOOD.
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CLENCH
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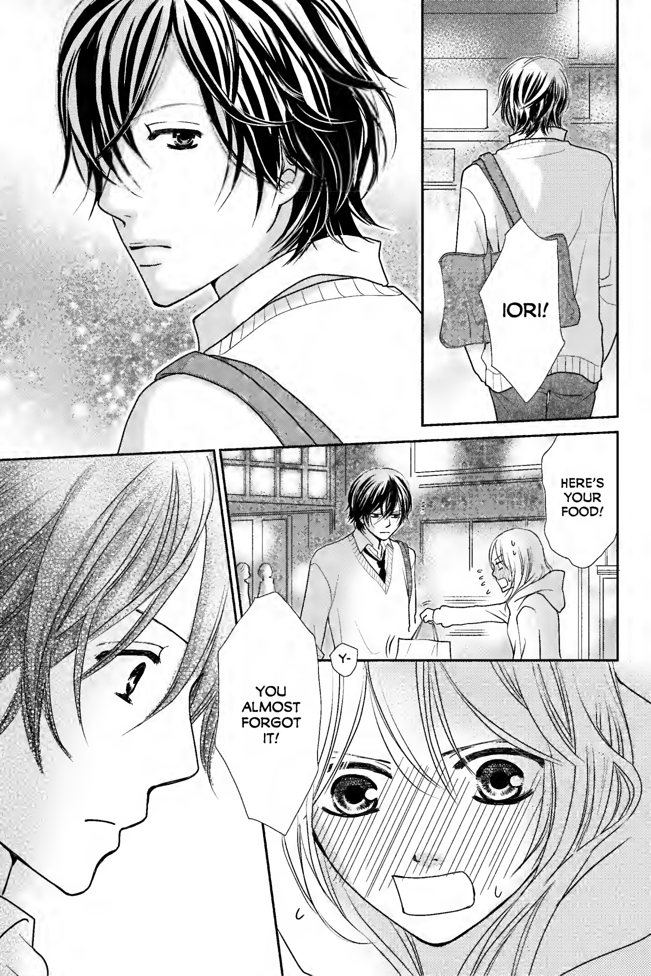
IORI!
HERE'S YOUR FOOD!
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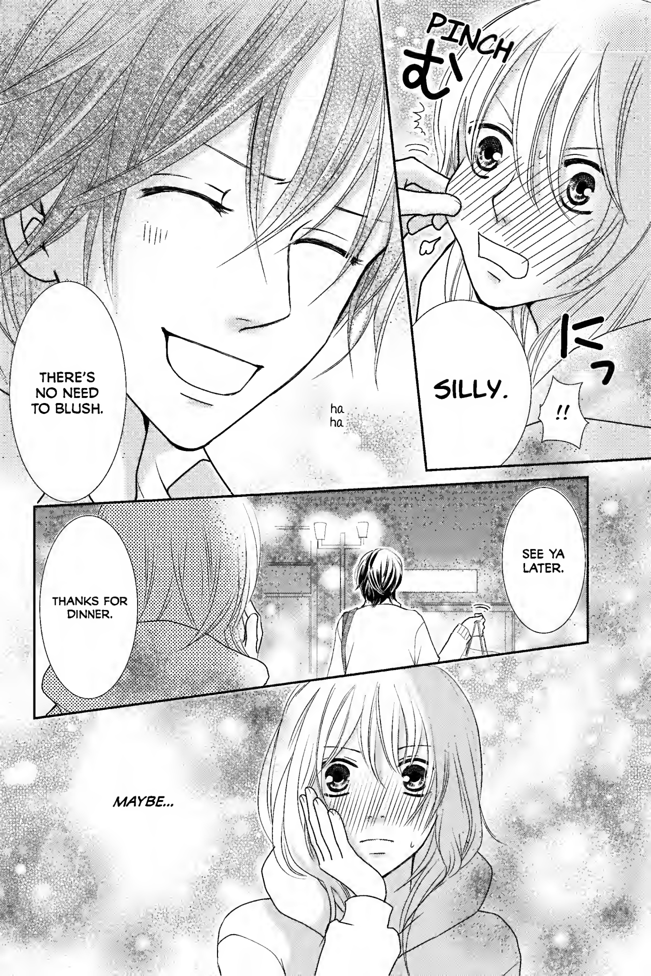
YOU ALMOST FORGOT IT!


PINCH
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SILLY.
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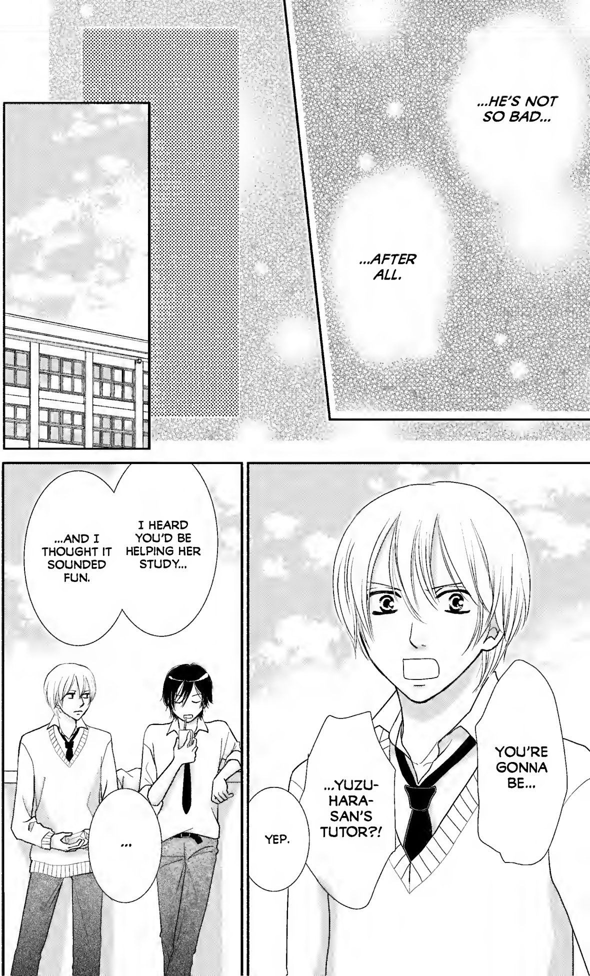
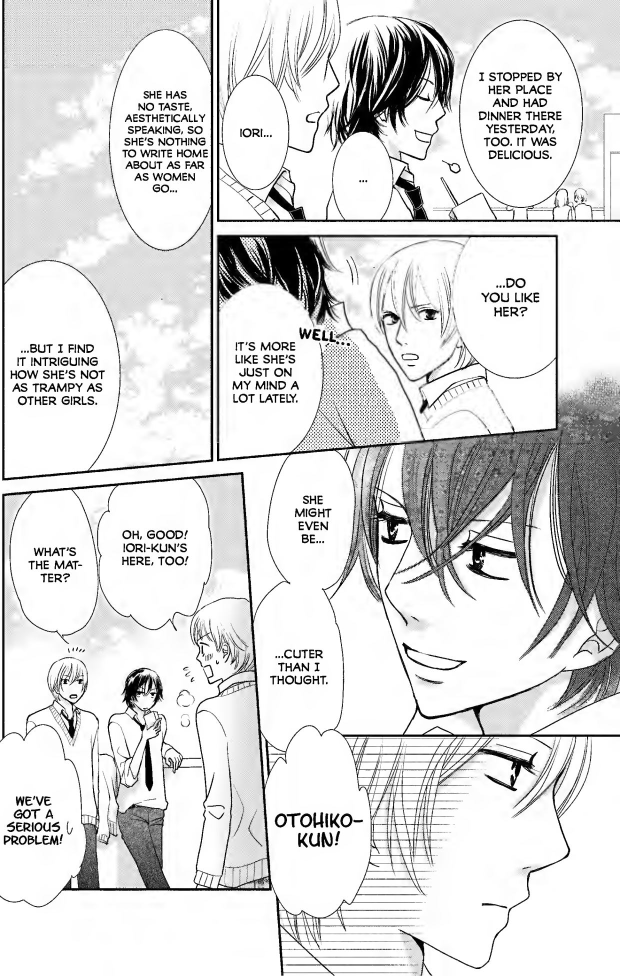
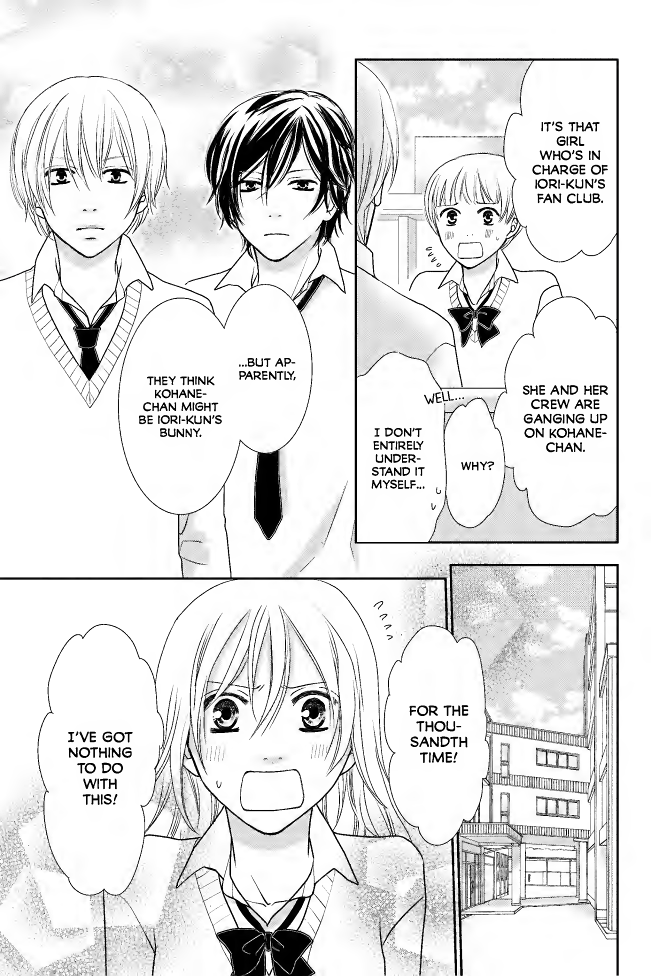
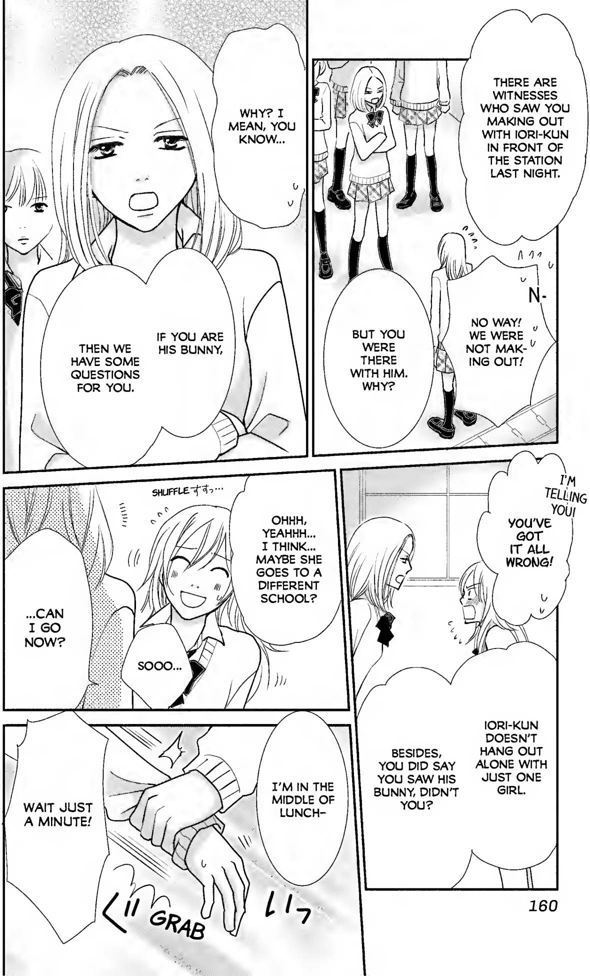
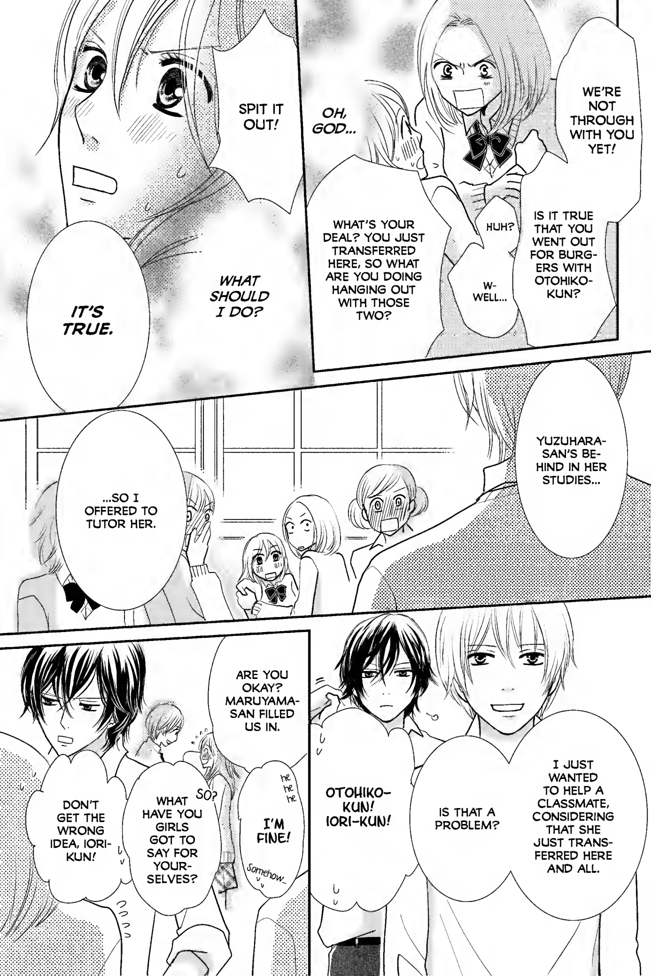
!!
THERE'S NO NEED TO BLUSH.
ha ha
SEE YA LATER.
THANKS FOR DINNER.
MAYBE...

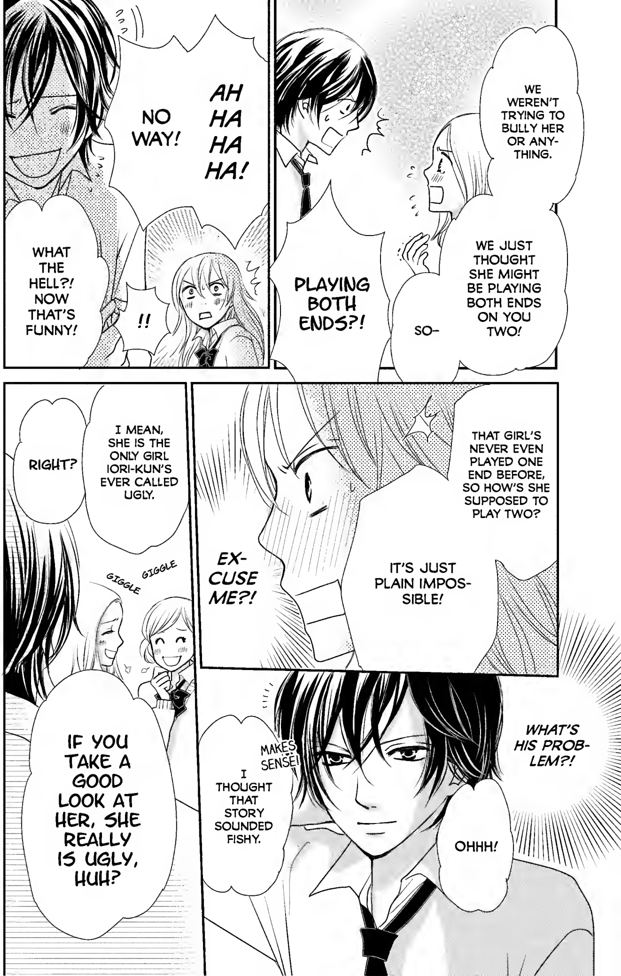

...HE'S NOT SO BAD...
...AFTER ALL.
YOU'RE GONNA BE...
...YUZUHARA-SAN'S TUTOR?!
YEP.
I HEARD YOU'D BE HELPING HER STUDY...
...AND I THOUGHT IT SOUNDED FUN.
...

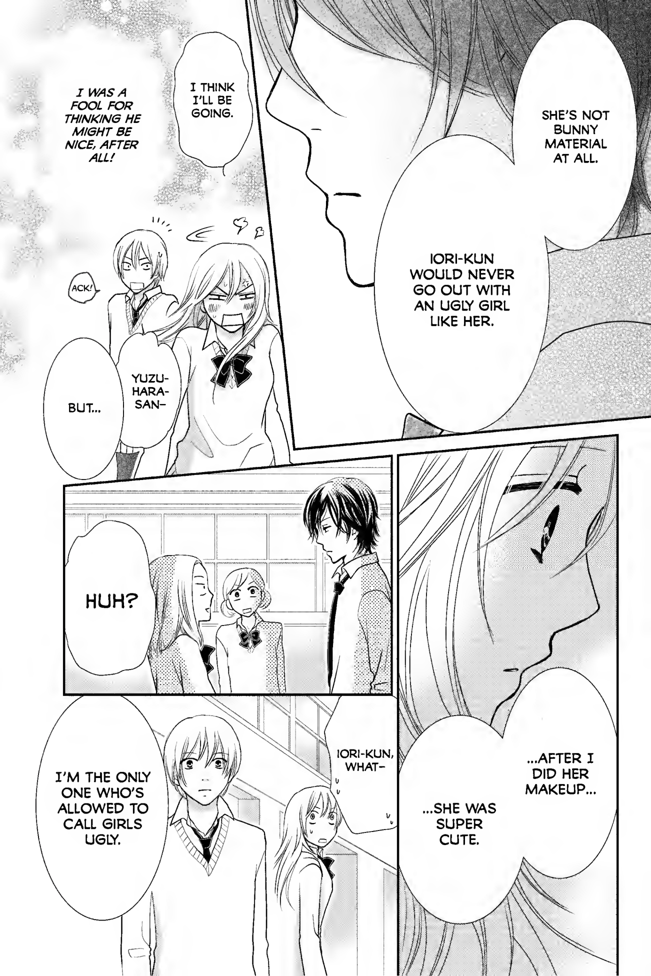

I STOPPED BY HER PLACE AND HAD DINNER THERE YESTERDAY, TOO. IT WAS DELICIOUS.
...
IORI...
...DO YOU LIKE HER?
WELL...
IT'S MORE LIKE SHE'S JUST ON MY MIND A LOT LATELY.
SHE HAS NO TASTE, AESTHETICALLY SPEAKING, SO SHE'S NOTHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT AS FAR AS WOMEN GO...
...BUT I FIND IT INTRIGUING HOW SHE'S NOT AS TRAMPY AS OTHER GIRLS.
SHE MIGHT EVEN BE...
...CUTER THAN I THOUGHT.
OTOHIKO-KUN!
OH, GOOD! IORI-KUN'S HERE, TOO!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WE'VE GOT A SERIOUS PROBLEM!

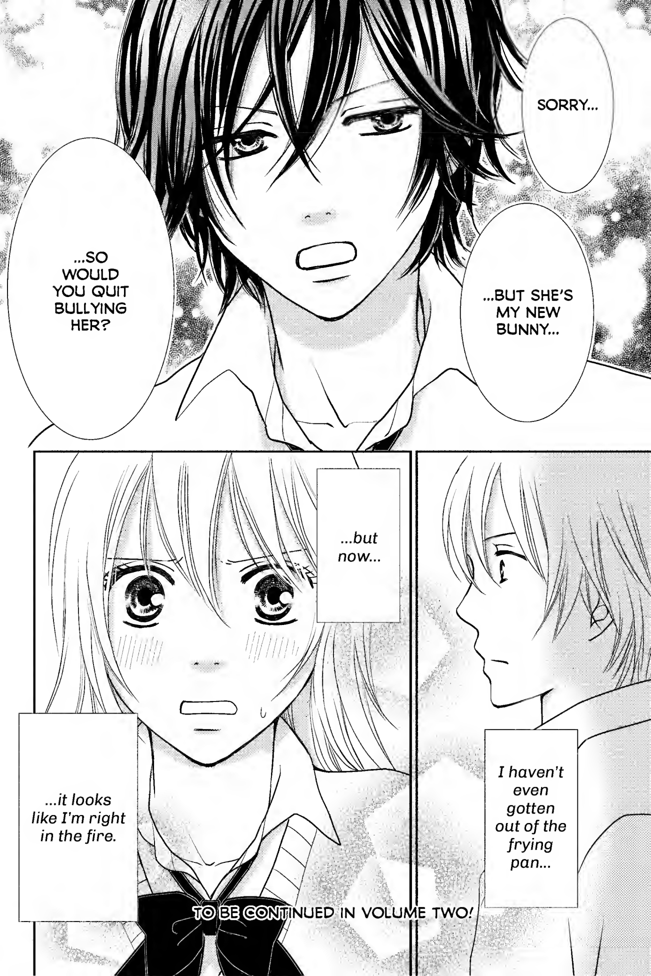

IT'S THAT GIRL WHO'S IN CHARGE OF IORI-KUN'S FAN CLUB.
SHE AND HER CREW ARE GANGING UP ON KOHANE-CHAN.
WHY?
WELL...
I DON'T ENTIRELY UNDERSTAND IT MYSELF...
...BUT APPARENTLY,
THEY THINK KOHANE-CHAN MIGHT BE IORI-KUN'S BUNNY.
FOR THE THOUSANDTH TIME!
I'VE GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!


THERE ARE WITNESSES WHO SAW YOU MAKING OUT WITH IORI-KUN IN FRONT OF THE STATION LAST NIGHT.
N-
NO WAY! WE WERE NOT MAKING OUT!
BUT YOU WERE THERE WITH HIM. WHY?
WHY? I MEAN, YOU KNOW...
IF YOU ARE HIS BUNNY,
THEN WE HAVE SOME QUESTIONS FOR YOU.
I'M TELLING YOU!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!
IORI-KUN DOESN'T HANG OUT ALONE WITH JUST ONE GIRL.
BESIDES, YOU DID SAY YOU SAW HIS BUNNY, DIDN'T YOU?
SHUFFLE すすっ…
OHHH, YEAHHH... I THINK... MAYBE SHE GOES TO A DIFFERENT SCHOOL?
SOOO...
...CAN I GO NOW?
I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF LUNCH-
WAIT JUST A MINUTE!
GRAB


WE'RE NOT THROUGH WITH YOU YET!
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU WENT OUT FOR BURGERS WITH OTOHIKO-KUN?
HUH?
W-WELL...
WHAT'S YOUR DEAL? YOU JUST TRANSFERRED HERE, SO WHAT ARE YOU DOING HANGING OUT WITH THOSE TWO?
OH, GOD...
SPIT IT OUT!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
IT'S TRUE.
YUZUHARA-SAN'S BEHIND IN HER STUDIES...
...SO I OFFERED TO TUTOR HER.
I JUST WANTED TO HELP A CLASSMATE, CONSIDERING THAT SHE JUST TRANSFERRED HERE AND ALL.
IS THAT A PROBLEM?
OTOHIKO-KUN! IORI-KUN!
ARE YOU OKAY? MARUYAMA-SAN FILLED US IN.
he he he
I'M FINE!
Somehow...
SO?
WHAT HAVE YOU GIRLS GOT TO SAY FOR YOURSELVES?
DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA, IORI-KUN!


WE WEREN'T TRYING TO BULLY HER OR ANYTHING.
WE JUST THOUGHT SHE MIGHT BE PLAYING BOTH ENDS ON YOU TWO!
SO-
PLAYING BOTH ENDS?!
AH HA HA HA!
NO WAY!
WHAT THE HELL?! NOW THAT'S FUNNY!
!!
THAT GIRL'S NEVER EVEN PLAYED ONE END BEFORE, SO HOW'S SHE SUPPOSED TO PLAY TWO?
IT'S JUST PLAIN IMPOSSIBLE!
EXCUSE ME?!
I MEAN, SHE IS THE ONLY GIRL IORI-KUN'S EVER CALLED UGLY.
RIGHT?
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
WHAT'S HIS PROBLEM?!
OHHH!
MAKES SENSE!
I THOUGHT THAT STORY SOUNDED FISHY.
IF YOU TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT HER, SHE REALLY IS UGLY, HUH?


SHE'S NOT BUNNY MATERIAL AT ALL.
IORI-KUN WOULD NEVER GO OUT WITH AN UGLY GIRL LIKE HER.
I THINK I'LL BE GOING.
I WAS A FOOL FOR THINKING HE MIGHT BE NICE, AFTER ALL!
ACK!
YUZU-HARA-SAN–
BUT...
...AFTER I DID HER MAKEUP...
...SHE WAS SUPER CUTE.
HUH?
IORI-KUN, WHAT–
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'S ALLOWED TO CALL GIRLS UGLY.


SORRY...
...BUT SHE'S MY NEW BUNNY...
...SO WOULD YOU QUIT BULLYING HER?
I haven't even gotten out of the frying pan...
...but now...
...it looks like I'm right in the fire.
TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME TWO!

Thank you so much for picking up Beauty Bunny volume one!

Sorry to those of you who read this thinking it would be a makeup how-to book. It's not. =_=; Agggh...

That said, in the end, it did occur to me to work cosmetics into the story somehow, but I don't have the time or page count for that, so maybe another time. Tee hee.

I'm extremely grateful to all those who worked on this comic with me—beginning with my editor, Tsuji-sama, to my family and friends, and to you, my readers. Thank you.

Anyway, see you in volume two!

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In the next volume...

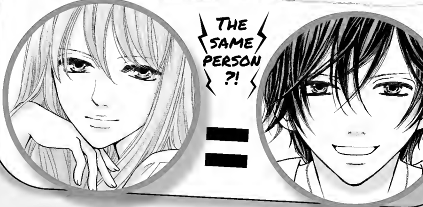
KOHANE FACES AN ORDEAL IN VOLUME TWO!

IN LIGHT OF IORI'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT KOHANE'S HIS BUNNY, THE GIRLS OF THE SCHOOL EXPLODE WITH JEALOUSY AND ENVY! WHAT'S TO BECOME OF OUR HEROINE IN THE MIDST OF THIS STORM?!

WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO ME NOW?!

HIMIKO = IORI

WHAT'S KOHANE GONNA DO WHEN SHE FIGURES THAT ONE OUT?!


THE SAME PERSON ?!

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!

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